

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
August 5, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 5, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer- Leader Times, Lindsay Sturgeon – Leader Vindicator, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Chad Puz – Family Life TV, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Don Pepler – Financial Manager, Armstrong County Financial Management, Denny Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth & Family, Jim Venturini – Director, Armstrong County IT Department, Public Attendance by: Floyd Newingham

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Fink was absent due to recent surgery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the minutes for the July 15, 2010 Public Meeting were tabled. Due to Mr. Fink's current absence and Mr. Scahill's previous absence due to conference attendance, the minutes were unable to be passed.

BID AWARD

Armsdale Road Paving Project Bid Award

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the County Commissioners acknowledged the bid award of the Armsdale Road Paving Project to Force, Inc. of Indiana. Mr. Palilla stated that the project will cost \$57,345.00 and will be funded by Liquid Fuels and the County Recycling Escrow Account. The project is to be completed by September.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Agreement of Sale and Temporary Easement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Agreement of Sale and Temporary Easement of two properties. The Wood family will be compensated \$500 and the Wassum family will receive \$1,100.00. Mr. Palilla stated that PennDOT conducted the appraisals for both properties and that the funds are to be expended from the County's Liquid Fuels Fund.

Child Welfare Education for Leadership Agreement with University of Pittsburgh

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the previous recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Child Welfare Education for Leadership Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Demangone explained

that Caseworker Jacqueline Peters will enter Pittsburgh University's MSW program as a part-time student, she will continue full time employment while enrolled in the program, and be obligated to fulfill a minimum 18 month employment obligation post completion. He stated that this option will insure that an experienced employee will remain with the County for four consecutive years.

.US Delegated Manager Agreement with NeuStar, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the .US Delegated Manager Agreement with NeuStar, Inc. Mr. Venturini stated that this is the final set up to take full ownership of the website www.co.armstrong.pa.us.

.US Locality Domain Name Registration Agreement with NeuStar, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the .US Locality Domain Name Registration Agreement with NeuStar, Inc. Mr. Venturini described this agreement as outlining the use of the website and its restrictions.

Susquehanna Retirement Project Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the Susquehanna Retirement Project agreement. Ms. Miller described the efforts of the Retirement Board to meet their annual retirement contribution at the best cost savings to the County. The agreement with Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. will provide financial direction to best achieve the desired and necessary cost saving measures.

AAA Pre-admission / Protective Service Program Agreements

- A. Psychological Evaluation Agreement with Dr. Judy Rein
- B. Registered Nurse Consultant Agreement with Carolyn Maffei, R.N.
- C. Boarding Home Emergency Placement Agreement with Geidel's Personal Care Home

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Pre-admission for Protective Services Program Agreement. Ms. Talerico explained that these are annual agreements that are used on an as needed basis. These are options that are in place for the care managers to use on an emergency basis.

AAA Legal Services Agreement with Preston Younkins

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Legal Services Agreement with Preston Younkins. Ms. Talerico stated that this would provide legal services to senior citizens as needed.

AAA Outreach Service Agreement with Armstrong County Community Action

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Outreach Service agreement with Armstrong County Community Action Agency. Ms. Talerico explained that the agreement combines the services of Area Agency on Aging with those of Community Action Agency, allowing them to work together without duplicating services.

AAA VNA Services and Foundation with Western Pennsylvania for Home Health Services Contract

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the VNA Services and Foundation with Western Pennsylvania for Home Health Services Contract. Ms. Talerico stated that this is an annual contract that provides multiple options for recipients to select from.

AAA Service Agreements with Concordia Visiting Nurses

- A. Home Health Service
- B. Home Support Service
- C. Personal Assistant Service
- D. Personal Care Service

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Service Agreements with Concordia Visiting Nurses. Ms. Talerico stated that they are able to provide a list of multiple vendors for selection.

AAA Service Agreements with Interim Health Care

- A. Home Health Service
- B. Home Support Service
- C. Personal Assistant Service
- D. Personal Care Service

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the service agreement with Interim Health Care. Ms. Talerico explained that these are extensions of previous contracts.

AAA Amendment to Digital Inclusion Initiative Project Coordinator Service Agreement with Community Action Agency

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the amendment to Digital Inclusion Initiative Project Coordinator Service Agreement with Community Action Agency. Ms. Talerico stated that this is an amendment that allows for reimbursement of cost to be added to the previous agreement with Community Action Agency.

AAA Ford City Senior Center Lease Agreements

- A. Donald P. McCarthy Jr.

B. PRR Holdings Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Ford City Senior Center Lease Agreements. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year lease agreement. There are two leases because the Senior Center is actually contained within two buildings.

Extension of Gas Contract with Snyder Brothers, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the extension of Gas Contract with Snyder Brothers, Inc. Mr. Pepler stated that this is a renewal of a previous two year contract and will be in effect for three years. It will include a variable rate of 40 cents per BTU, but can be changed to a fixed rate at anytime the County seeks to do so.

License Agreement with EXCO RESOURCES (PA), LLC.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the license agreement with EXCO RESOURCES (PA), LLC. Mr. Pepler stated that EXCO RESOURCES approached the County in regard to leasing a portion of County property in Cowanshannock Creek for water extraction. EXCO RESOURCES will obtain all necessary licensing and to fulfill all obligations with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Memorandum of License Agreement with EXCO Resources (PA), LLC

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Memorandum of License Agreement with EXCO Resources (PA), LLC. Mr. Pepler stated the agreement is in conjunction with the preceding license agreement. It includes payment of \$10,000.00 per year for a period of five years.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2010-15 Authorizing and Empowering OnDemand to Negotiate and Enter Into Binding Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-15 Authorizing and Empowering OnDemand to Negotiate and Enter Into Binding Agreement. Mr. Pepler explained that in anticipation of the upcoming deregulation of electrical pricing it has been decided that the best interest of the County would be to prepare a pre-authorization to negotiate and act on the best price possible when the opportunity arises.

PROCLAMATION

"Mary Rupp Day" Proclamation

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the "Mary Rupp Day" Proclamation. Ms. Kirkpatrick reflected on the activities last year at Mrs. Rupp's 105th birthday celebration. The Board offered their congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Rupp.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners acknowledged the financial transactions for July 2010.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments and questions.

Mr. Scahill announced that Armstrong County was one of 38 counties in the United States to participate in the pilot program of National Association of Counties (NACo) Dental Program. He presented an overview of the program comparing it to the discount prescription program. He stressed that this does have a cost of \$59.00 per year for individuals or \$69.00 per year for families. If this works well it will be implemented as a permanent nationwide program.

Mr. Scahill described the Resolution that NACo passed that will clarify their official stand declaring that the EPA and Fish and Wildlife Commissions should only involve themselves in situations involving Navigable Waters. The Environment Energy and Land Use Committee also passed a resolution that insured the future of the Coal Industry. Mr. Scahill declared it a very productive conference.

Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed her gratitude to Mr. Scahill for his involvement and leadership with NACo. She agreed that supporting coal industry is very important to Pennsylvania and especially Armstrong County.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that she hopes the stairway to the main courthouse will be open very soon. The work was done within the time constraints. She then recognized that July 27th was the most recent Power of 32 event. The next event will be at the Belmont Complex on August 25, 2010, Ms. Kirkpatrick encourages everyone to participate and voice their views. Ms. Kirkpatrick invited everyone to attend the public session of Arm-Tech on August 19th at the Belmont Complex. She recognized that Congressman Murtha's presence will be missed. Ms. Kirkpatrick was pleased to announce the expansion of student involvement to include middle school students this year while still involving the high school students. All students are invited and encouraged to participate. She closed her comments by thanking everyone for their efforts and diligence in pursuing new ventures and cost saving measures for the County. She described the deficit that the State may face regarding health care if federal money is not received.

Mr. Scahill added that the NACo Dental Program is provided by Careington and information is available at www.nacodentalprogram.com. The cards are available at the courthouse, senior centers, or by visiting the website or phoning 1-877-354-NACo (6226).

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:23 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 1:30 PM.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James V. Scahill, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
George J. Skamai
County Administrator & Chief Clerk