

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
November 4, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Human Resources, Ms. Marianne Hileman – Armstrong County Register & Recorder, Ms. Brenda George – Armstrong County Prothonotary, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Jim Kuemmerle, Administrator, Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI, Randy Brozenick – Director, Armstrong County Public Safety, Chip Echnoz – ESS Insurance Group, Nancy McLean – His Kids, Pittsburgh Building Trade: Steve Atwood, Greg Christy, Ron Reiber, Richard Dunkel, Glenn Smyers, Josh Bloom, Tyger Thomas, Tim Mitcheltree, Vinny Lapaglia, Steve Schrecongost, Donald Reefer, Russell Reefer, Robert Wilds, Randy Young, Ted Smith III, Mark Toy, Robert Greiner.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the minutes for the October 21, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

COURTHOUSE HOURS OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners announced that there will be a change of office hours. Ms. Hileman announced that the Register and Records Office will be open for computer usage until 8:30 PM on Wednesdays. Ms. George announced that the Prothonotary's office will be open and offering full services during the extended business hours on Wednesdays. The extended hours will be offered on a trial basis.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

ESS Insurance as the Producer of Record for the County's Main Health Insurance

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved appointing ESS Insurance as the Producer of Record for the County's Main Health Insurance. Mr. Echnoz stated that he looks forward to working with the County. Mr. Fink expressed his satisfaction in being able to award the agreement to a local Armstrong County business.

PEMA Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and PEMA. Mr. Brozenick explained that this is an annual agreement that collects a \$1.50 monthly fee for wire line. He stated that the money must be spent following strict guidelines. The

Commissioners described the decrease in funds collected due to the decrease in landlines throughout the county.

Mission Critical Partners Statement of Work

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Statement of Work and Contract between Armstrong County and Mission Critical Partners. Mr. Brozenick stated that this is an extensive project that covers three major projects involving the radio project, the EOC Center and the network. He explained that the improvements are mandated and build off one another; they have set July 2012 as a target date for near completion. The contract is worth \$691,600.00 and will insure that the county is compliant and completed to its fullest potential. Armstrong County has been working with Indiana and Westmoreland County as a cost savings measure.

Labor Stabilization Agreement with Pittsburgh Building Trade

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Labor Stabilization Agreement between Armstrong County and Pittsburgh Building Trade. Mr. Christy expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for bringing this opportunity to Armstrong County and creating jobs to the area residents. He said there are approximately 1,700 members of the construction trade residing in Armstrong County. Mr. Fink anticipates many upcoming construction jobs in the county and credits this agreement with employing area residents.

Armstrong County's FY 2010 – 2011 Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI Contract with NAMI Southwestern Pennsylvania

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the County's FY 2010 - 2011 Contract between Armstrong County on behalf of Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI and NAMI Southwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that this is part of the quality improvement initiative. The contracts will cover the Family and Consumer / Support and Public Education Services and also the C/FST (Consumer / Family Satisfaction Team) Program.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tri County WIB Board of Directors Re-appointments

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried, unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointments to the Tri County WIB Board of Directors for three year terms to expire September 30, 2013 to Mr. Charles Wetmore, Senior Director of Operations, Serious Materials, 1136 Industrial Park Road, Vandergriff, PA 15690, Mr. Philip Tack, Administrator, Sugar Creek Rest, 120 Lakeside Drive, Worthington, PA 16262, Ms. Vickie DeThomas, Director Human Resources, FLIR Government Systems Pittsburgh, Optical Systems Technology, 108 Kountz Lane, Freeport, PA 16229 and Mr. Joseph Stratico, Western Regional Director, Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership, PA Department of Labor and Industry, 2 Robinson Plaza, Suite 410, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Armstrong Conservation District Re-appointments

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointment to the Armstrong Conservation Board of Directors for Mr. Andrew Kimmel, 169 Idaho Road, Shelocta, PA 15774 as a Farmer Director for a four year term from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried, with Ms. Kirkpatrick abstaining, the Commissioners approved the re-appointment to the Tri County WIB Board of Directors for Ms. Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, 450 East Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to fulfill a one year term as Commissioner Director from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2010-20 Competitive CDBG Application on behalf of North Buffalo Township for the Glade Run Road and Bypass Road Area Water Extension

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-20 approving the Competitive CDBG Application on behalf of North Buffalo Township for the Glade Run Road and Bypass Road Area Water Extension. Ms. Johnson stated that the proposed project would service 25 households and cost \$820,000.00 not including administration costs.

Resolution 2010-21 Competitive CDBG Application on behalf of Parks Township for the Garvers Ferry Road and Hemlock Road Area Sanitary Sewer Line

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-21 approving the Competitive CDBG Application on behalf of Parks Township for the Garvers Ferry Road and Hemlock Road Area Sanitary Sewer Line. Ms. Johnson stated that there are four households and a personal care home that will be serviced by the project. The total project cost is \$273,000.00 not including administration costs. Mr. Scahill praised Ms. Johnson for her consistency in capturing competitive grants for the county.

PROCLAMATION

National Adoption Month Proclamation 2010-25

Ms. McLean expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for their support. She is the mother of 22 adopted children.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the National Adoption Month Proclamation 2010-25.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Mr., seconded by Mr. and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners acknowledged the financial transactions for October 2010.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments and questions.

Mr. Scahill described the lineage of ACT 78, outlining the improvements and mandates of 911. He credits the improvements with saving numerous lives. He also acknowledged the Elections office, poll workers and all involved in a successful election. He stated that he has faith in ESS Insurance and the superior job they perform for the county. Mr. Scahill closed his comments by describing the Labor Stabilization Agreement and detailed the work that local trades performed on the new jail that was built in the county. Mr. Scahill also expressed his gratitude to Mr. Bloom.

Mr. Fink praised Ms. McLean and the advocacy work she does for children. He then discussed the trade jobs and the recovery of the American economy. He stated that the Labor Stabilization Agreement is one of the efforts of the Board of Commissioners to facilitate the creation of jobs for the county residents. He believes that the Labor Stabilization Agreement will improve the opportunity for training in skilled trades which will ultimately lead to participants to own their own companies. He stated he has seen the workmanship that these contractors have provided in the past and knows that they complete quality workmanship, on time and on budget.

Ms. Kirkpatrick said that she is hopeful that the extended hours in the Register and Recorder and Prothonotary's office will assist those wishing to review the county records. She expressed her gratitude to ESS Insurance for working with the county and offering competitive pricing that enables the county to work with a local business. Ms. Kirkpatrick then described the importance of the Radio Project and EOC Center and the challenges they face in the dwindling numbers in land lines and decrease in funds. She also anticipates the increase in available jobs that the Labor Stabilization Agreement will offer. In her closing comments Ms. Kirkpatrick recognized the efforts of Ms. Johnson for successfully capturing competitive grants with such high success. She also praised Ms. McLean for her efforts in raising awareness to the children in need of adoption and for accepting so many children into her home. Her last comment was to commend the poll workers and the voters on an incredible job on Election Day.

Mr. Dunkel expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for working to form the agreement. He believes that utilization of the schools' Guidance Counselors will lead to a successful program.

Mr. Smyers also expressed his appreciation on behalf of the bricklayers and all the trade members.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:20 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 1:30 PM.