

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
June 3, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, June 3, 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, Chad Puz – Family Life TV, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Dave Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Jim Kuemmerle – Armstrong / Indiana MH / MR / EI Program Administrator / Executive Director, Andrea Wittman – Armstrong / Indiana MH / MR / EI Intern, Bill Braun – Senate Engineering.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the May 20, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

Leechburg Senior Center Renovation Bids

Ms. Talerico explained that the Area Agency on Aging applied for a competitive grant that will allow for some renovations to the kitchen of the Leechburg VFW, enabling the Senior Center to return to the VFW, a location within the borough.

The following bids were received:

Company	City	Bid Bond	Bid Cost
U & S Construction	Pittsburgh	Received	\$78,540.00
Thomas Didiano	Pittsburgh	Received	\$32,400.00
CNC Construction, Inc.	Penn Run	Received	\$24,900.00

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, the bids will be tabled for tabulation and review. The Board will make their decision at the next work session.

County Bridges Maintenance Bids

Mr. Alviano stated that six county bridges have been scheduled for repair. Senate Engineering has set the bid specifications. The following bridges are scheduled: Blaine Bridge in North Buffalo Township, McCrea Furnace Bridge in Wayne Township, McKee Bridge in West Franklin Township, Buffalo Bridge in West Franklin Township, McCreight Bridge in Plumcreek Township, St. Charles Bridge in Madison Township.

The following bids were received:

Company	City	Bid Bond	Bid
Gregory Construction	Sarver, PA	Received	\$85,790.00
Rhino Construction	Lower Burrell, PA	Received	\$73,450.00

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of Mr. Braun, the bids will be tabled for tabulation and review. The Board will make their decision at an upcoming meeting.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Memorandum of Understanding with Rayburn Township Fire Department

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Warden Hogue, the County Commissioners approved the memorandum of understanding for the jail between Armstrong County and Rayburn Township Fire Department. Warden Hogue explained that the memorandum of understanding is required for the yearly inspection of the jail. He stated that the Rayburn Township Fire Department has inspected the jail, is familiar with the floor plan and will provide assistance if necessary.

Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI Program’s Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 County Mental Health Plan Update

Mr. Kuemmerle introduced Andrea Wittman, a student who will serve as an intern with MH / MR / EI for the summer. He said that she has been assisting with the expansion of programming. Ms. Wittman will receive 12 credits for her efforts.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI Program’s Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 County Mental Health Plan Update. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that this is an outline of priorities for the MH / MR / EI Program. He explained that it affords the chance to review which programs are working to their fullest potential and which need to be adjusted. Mr. Kuemmerle stated he plans to focus the program increases on forensics, children’s services and the “at risk” elderly. The Board of Commissioners announced that Mr. Fink will be traveling to Harrisburg to meet with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania to discuss Human Services.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Appointment to the Housing Authority of the County of Armstrong Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners appointed Ms. Julia Mock, of Balcony Towers, 301 South McKean Street – Apt. 1A, Kittanning, PA 16201 to fill an unexpired term to expire on February 1, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

Announcement of Belmont Grant Awards

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, the County Commissioners approved the Belmont Grant Awards. Mr. Montebell stated that the process began in January, 2010 and that they received 12 applications. There were eight awards of \$5,000.00 each for a total disbursement of \$40,000.00. The following grants were approved:

- Arts on the Allegheny: refurbish a stage for the John P. Murtha Amphitheater, enabling savings on rentals
- Burrell Township: build a pavilion on the township property
- East Franklin Township Supervisors: install a professional sized sand volleyball court
- Ford City Borough Parks & Recreation: install a sand volleyball court, repair basketball court, install a barrier to protect the baseball field and fall protection for all boro playgrounds
- Ford Cliff Borough: replace playground equipment
- Freeport Borough Municipal Government: purchase rubber mats for use under swings, a baby swing, spread woodchips under equipment, install a retaining wall near handicap viewing area
- Greenwall Community Park: install a concrete pad for pavilion that was built in 2008
- North Apollo Borough: build a basketball court and pavilion in the Helen Clark Playground

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments or questions.

Mr. Fink expressed his thanks and congratulations to Mr. Montebell and Ms. Johnson for their scoring process and review of the Recreation Grant applicants; He feels everyone will benefit greatly from some well planned and needed projects throughout the county. He also commended Ms. Talerico and the Area Agency on Aging department for their diligence and hard work in providing much needed improvements for the seniors in the Leechburg area.

Mr. Scahill reminded everyone of the upcoming "Relay for Life" event that will be held in Ford City and Apollo. He commended the community for the work they do year round and everyone's generosity to make the event a success. He stated that through community donations and help from area businesses, especially Rosebud Mining, the Ford City Relay for Life raised more than \$800,000.00 last year. Mr. Scahill also spoke about the "Wounded Warrior Walk" that he will be participating in again this year. He stated that it brings attention to wounded soldiers; this year's walk is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Bob Girdano, the father of deceased soldier 2nd Lieutenant Michael Girdano. Mr. Girdano walked the entire Pennsylvania journey last summer; and was later killed in an automobile accident last fall. Mr. Scahill then recognized the affiliation between the County Commisisoners' Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and the MH / MR / EI program including Mr. Kuemmerle of our local program. He announced that CCAP now has an affiliation with Veteran's Affairs. Mr. Scahill closed his comments by describing his recent trip to Montana for NACo. He stated that he was able to pay tribute at Little Big Horn to the one casualty from Armstrong County, Sykes Henderson.

Ms. Kirkpatrick recognized the Belmont Grant Recipients, specifically the Arts on the Allegheny for the refurbishment of their stage. She then read an email regarding our areas high ranking in

increased job opportunities in the Pittsburgh Regions National Ranking. She stated that construction work provided the largest increase in employment, reporting that there were 5,600 more construction workers in April than in March.

Mr. Montebell offered an enthusiastic invitation to attend Summerfest that will be at the Belmont Complex Saturday, June 5th.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:03 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 1:30 PM.