

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**January 5, 2012**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioner David K. Battaglia, Commissioner Robert T. Bower, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Tammie Gaff – Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Amanda Hiles – Armstrong County Treasurer, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Dave Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Kevin Shepard – Deputy, Armstrong County Jail, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Al Thomas – Deputy Coroner, Jo Ellen Bowman – Executive Director HAVIN, Michael Nortrup – ICP Pharmacy, Sandy Hockenberry – Mission Pharmacy, Denise Minton – Mission Pharmacy.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the December 15, 2011 Public Meeting were acknowledged.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 3, 2012 Commissioners' Organization Meeting were approved.

**BID OPENING**

**Opening Pharmacy Bids for Armstrong County Health Center**

Mr. Mansour stated that the Armstrong County Health Center advertised to request bids for the pharmacy services at the Armstrong County Health Center. He explained that pricing was only one factor being considered; they would also review experience, electronic systems, billing of Medicare and overall scope of services.

Ms. Miller opened the bids, but only announced the interested parties at this time.

The following bids were received:

Pharmacy	Location	Bid Bond / Cashier's Check
Diamond Pharmacy	Indiana, PA	Bid Bond
Leechburg Pharmacy	Leechburg, PA	Letter
ICP Care Pharmacy	Sharpsburg, PA	Cashier's Check
Mission Pharmacy	Kittanning, PA	Cashier's Check

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners tabled the Armstrong County Health Center Pharmacy Bid Award for review and tabulation. Mr. Mansour stated that the results would be prepared for the January 19, 2012 Public Meeting.

## **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

### **Dietitian Agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center with Veronica Beere**

Mr. Mansour stated that this contract was originally signed in 2008 and that this is a rate increase from \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour. He affirmed that this is the first increase in payment and that the Health Center's budget can accommodate the increase.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Dietitian Agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and Veronica Beere.

### **Memorandum of Understanding for the Armstrong County Jail with Jason R. Lewis**

Mr. Hogue stated that the agreement was signed on December 15, 2011 for the same hourly rate as the former solicitor. The Board of Commissioners confirmed that the agreement is for payment on an as needed basis and does not include benefits.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of the prison board, the Commissioners acknowledged the Memorandum of Understanding for the Armstrong County Jail between Armstrong County and Jason R. Lewis, Esquire.

### **Memorandum of Understanding to Implement Act 22 for the Armstrong County Jail with The Prison Inmate Medical Cost Containment Program**

Mr. Hogue explained that Act 22 was passed on July 1, 2011, and allows county inmates to qualify for Medical Assistance coverage for hospitalizations. It also caps medical provider costs at Medicaid rates for inmates not qualified and provides Medicare for outpatient services. Upon the Board of Commissioners' request, Mr. Hogue and Mr. Shepard clarified the inmates' responsibility of co-pays.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding to Implement Act 22 for the Armstrong County Jail between Armstrong County and The Prison Inmate Medical Cost Containment Program.

### **Ford City Amended Cooperation Agreement of the Community Development Block Grant**

Ms. Johnson described the breakdown of the Resolution that was approved on September 1, 2011 to modify its FY 2007, 2008, 2009, 2009-R and 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds into the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority(FCBMSDA) Fifth and Sixth Avenues Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Project. She stated that these funds were in addition to the original money allocated to the project. Ms. Johnson stated that the approval of the modifications from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) was received, and with that approval, the original Cooperation Agreement needed to be amended to include the additional funding.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Amended Cooperation Agreement for Ford City Borough of the Community Development Block Grant.

Security Service Agreement for the Belmont Complex with MVS Security Services

Mr. Montebell stated that this contract will replace and upgrade the fire alarm system in the new addition area of the Belmont Arena. He affirmed that MVS Security Services was the lowest of the three bids he had obtained.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Security System Agreement for the Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and MVS Security Services.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Stalker Awareness Month January 2012

Ms. Bowman welcomed the new Board of Commissioners and expressed her appreciation for acknowledging their efforts in promoting Stalking Awareness Month in January 2012. She then detailed the efforts of HAVIN and local law enforcement for training and prevention of stalking, including the increase in cyber stalking.

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation

Mr. Bower commended the people involved with HAVIN, stating that due to the nature of the organization they so often go unrecognized.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2012-1 declaring January 2012 as Stalker Awareness Month.

**OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Battaglia opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Thomas expressed his appreciation to the Board of Commissioners, Jeanne Englert, Randy Brozenick and all the people who assisted Mr. John Rudosky during his medical emergency on Tuesday. Mr. Battaglia recognized that the people available and their medical training were critical to the situation.

Mr. Fryer requested further information in regard to the pharmacy bid opening. It was clarified by Mr. Mansour that pricing is only one component of the bid, therefore it was not announced, and confirmed that the current pharmacy provider is Mission Pharmacy.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the Financial Transactions for December 2011.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:56 pm. The next regular Public Meeting will be held Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 1:30 pm.