

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
January 6, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink, James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Human Resources, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Sally Conklin - Planning Division Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Roy Carney - Director, Armstrong County Public Works, Gary Montebell - Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Beth Costanzo - Director of Nursing, Armstrong County Health Center, Janet McKinley - Financial Director, Armstrong County Health Center, Wendy Buzard – Director, Armstrong County Elections and Chief Registrar of Voter Registration, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Ron Baustert – Coordinator - Armstrong County 911, Dennis Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth, and Family Services, Jan Foradori – HAVIN, Roy Cigola – Progressive Workshop Armstrong County

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 December 16, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the minutes for the December 22, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

BID AWARD

Baler Bid

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Conklin, the Commissioners approved the bid award for the baler to Reaction Distributing of Ontario Canada. Ms. Conklin stated that after review the preferred equipment was option #2 with a cage for \$54,485.00 which includes a second safety switch. She announced that the baler is being funded through a grant by the Department of Environmental Protection, and will cost approximately \$27,000.00 less than budgeted. Ms. Conklin explained that she intends to request the remaining funds be used toward other projects at the Recycling Center.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Administrative Services Agreements with Ameriflex Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor the Commissioners acknowledged the Administrative Services Agreements

between Armstrong County and Ameriflex. Ms. Koleny stated that Ameriflex will be providing COBRA insurance coverage.

Drug Testing Agreement with Armstrong County Memorial Hospital

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Drug Testing Agreement between Armstrong County and Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. Ms. Koleny described the need for the ability to offer around the clock availability for random testing of safety sensitive positions at the county's 24 hour facilities.

Communication Services Agreement with Windstream

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the Commissioners approved the Communication Services Agreement between Armstrong County and Windstream. Mr. Carney explained the contract in three parts: it is a three year contract with a reduction from \$0.05 per minute to 3.2 cents per minute; the Primary Rate Interface cost was lowered from \$745 per month to \$550 per month and the Private Switch Location Identifier will provide 911 the exact origin of a call in any county owned building.

Communication Services Agreement at the Belmont Complex with Windstream

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, the Commissioners approved the Communication Services Agreement at the Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and Windstream. Mr. Montebell stated that the long distance service will be provided at five cents per minute.

Extended Therapy Pricing Program Agreements at the Armstrong County Health Center with KCI, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor the Commissioners approved the Extended Therapy Pricing Program Agreements at the Armstrong County Health Center with KCI Inc. Ms. Costanzo described a "wound vac" that is produced by KCI Inc. and how effective it is in treating residents. She stated that this agreement offers discounts on the rental and service of the machine. Mr. Scahill attested that the machine is effective.

Consent to Assignment of Voting Equipment with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor the Commissioners approved the Consent to Assignment of Voting Equipment between Armstrong County and Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. Ms. Buzard explained that this contract is a change of vendor for the voting equipment. She stated that the reassignment of vendor will avoid the need to purchase new voting equipment.

Replacement of the Gastown Bridge with Francis J. Palo Inc.,

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, subject to the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement to replace the Gastown Bridge between Armstrong County and Francis J. Palo, Inc. Mr. Palilla stated that Penn DOT, on behalf of the County, opened bids and that Francis J. Palo provided the lowest bid in the amount of \$784,210.00. He also noted that this project will be completely funded by Federal and State money; it will not require the use of any county funding.

Ford City's Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Grant

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Administrative Agreement between Armstrong County and Ford City Borough as associated with Ford City's Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Grant. Ms. Johnson stated that Ford City Borough has received a PCC grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. As in previous years they have requested that the County assist in administering the grant money.

City of Parker for the 2010 CDBG Program

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Armstrong and the City of Parker for the Administration of the City's 2010 CDBG Program. Ms. Johnson stated that the City of Parker is an entitlement to the CDBG Program and they have once again requested the County to assist in the administration of funds.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency as Partial Funding for the Construction of the County's New Emergency Operation Center

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Grant Contract and its Execution between Armstrong County and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency as Partial Funding for the Construction of the County's New Emergency Operations Center. Ms. Johnson stated that the County has received a one million dollar grant.

Memorandum of Understanding for the Register and Recorder's office with Attorney James Favero

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor the Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the Register and Recorder's Office between Armstrong County and Attorney James Favero. Ms. Kirkpatrick described the contract as standard language and sets the monthly rate at \$145.00.

FY 2010 - 2011 Child Residential Services Provider for Children Youth and Family Services with the Christian Home of Johnstown

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Demangone, the Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Child Residential Service Provider for Children Youth and Family Services with the Christian Home of Johnstown. Mr. Demangone explained that this is a group home program for children that have been placed through the juvenile court system.

FY 2010 – 2011 Professional Services Providers for Children, Youth and Family Services

Mr. Demangone stated that the following list of providers encompasses a wide range of services, also noting that the language has not changed from the previous year's annual contracts.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the following professional services providers for Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, for the fiscal year 2010 – 2011:

- Adagio Health
- Adelphoi Village Inc.
- Behavior Management Consultants
- Carol Patterson M. ED.
- Center for Hearing & Deaf Services
- Clover Psychological Association
- Family A.C.T.S., Inc.
- Family Psychological Associates, Ltd.
- Glen Mills Schools
- Holy Family Social Services
- James Favero, Esq.
- Keystone Adolescent Center
- Parental Stress Center
- Paula LaStrapes, Esq.
- Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance – Ruth McCall
- Pottmeyer, Allyson
- Project Point of Light Inc. Manno Therapeutic Services
- Specialty Outreach Services, Inc.
- Try-Again Homes, Inc.
- Wesley Spectrum

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Hospital Authority

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. John F. Graff, 123 Hazel Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to a two year term to expire January 1, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Gealy Wallwork, 117 Country Club Lane, Kittanning, PA 16201 to a five year term to expire January 1, 2016.

Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services' Advisory Committee

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the request of Mr. Demangone, the Commissioners approved re-appointing the following members to the Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services' Advisory Committee:

- Mr. Robert L. Engel, 950 N. McKean Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to a two year term set to expire December 31, 2012.
- Ms. Joy George, 503 Harrison Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to a two year term set to expire December 31, 2012.
- Ms. Beverly Ravotti, 100 Washington Street, Freeport, PA 16229, to a two year term set to expire December 31, 2012.
- Ms. Kathy Snyder, 537 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to a two year term set to expire December 31, 2012.
- Ms. Ruth Stubbs, 505 Harrison Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to a two year term set to expire December 31, 2012.

The Board of Commissioners invited Mr. Demangone to detail the need for individuals to represent the advisory committee. He noted special need for vacancies in the areas of Parker, Brady's Bend, Elderton and Rural Valley.

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the Indiana, Armstrong, Clarion Central Labor Council, the Commissioners approved appointing Mr. Steve Atwood, Assistant Business Agent, Iron Workers Local Union No. 3 AFL-CIO, 2201 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, to a term to expire September 30, 2012.

Industrial Development Authority

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved appointing Dr. William Kiser, PhD, Senior Director, Penn State Electro-Optic Center, 1150 Sarver Rd, Sarver, PA 16055, to a five year term to expire December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved re-appointing Mr. Royce Young, 267 State Route 2020, Ford City, PA 16226, to a five year term to expire December 31, 2015.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2011-1 Stalking Awareness Month

Ms. Foradori stated that stalking awareness and prevention training is one of the programs included in a recently received grant. HAVIN has recently offered training to law enforcement and are planning a second training to be held in April.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the adoption of Proclamation 2011-1 Stalking Awareness Month.

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 December 2010.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments and questions.

Mr. Scahill detailed the benefits of the automatic identification calling system and how it will enable 911 dispatchers to know the exact location a call originated from. This will be extremely useful in situations of large offices and companies that route outgoing calls through their switchboards. He stated that the PEMA funding is a positive step in achieving the new 911 Emergency Operating Center. Mr. Scahill closed his comments by reminding everyone that the NACo Dental and Prescription Cards are available on the county website, at county offices and senior centers. He also reminded everyone of the savings that may be achieved by participating in the programs.

Mr. Fink reflected on 2010, he described the sadness felt by Congressman Murtha's death and the optimism seen by the advancement of the Radio Project. He is hopeful and anticipates that 2011 will create jobs and improve industry in the county. Mr. Fink stated that it will be mid-year until the state budget is settled and revealed how the funding will be affected. He closed his comments by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thanking everyone for working together to accomplish a wide variety of goals.

Ms. Kirkpatrick concurred with her fellow Commissioners on the efforts of the county employees. She asked Mr. Palilla to discuss the recently announced competitive grant that Armstrong County received. Mr. Palilla stated that it will be a county grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 on behalf of Kittanning Borough to address safety and traffic flow in town. He added that it will be included in part of the borough's revitalization project. Mr. Palilla stated that work will begin in a few months.

Ms. Kirkpatrick referred to the above mentioned grant as an example of how County Government works with the municipalities and groups daily. She thanked everyone for their efforts in attaining competitive grants. Ms. Kirkpatrick then commented on the County Website and the ever increasing traffic that it receives. She referenced reports that indicate that the website has historically reached its peak usage during elections. She credited the Information Technology department with keeping the website updated and fully functioning.

Mr. Scahill invited those who do not have access to the county website to contact the Commissioners' office for assistance in locating participating dentists or enrolling in the dental program.

Mr. Weaver asked how long the Emergency Operating Center had been in place. Mr. Scahill provided a brief timeline and history of the county's EOC; his recollection establishes the program's origin in the 1960's and credited Act 78 with providing a portion of the necessary funding for the development of the program. Mr. Scahill then discussed the need to move the 911 center away from the main body of the Courthouse, and onto the property by Armsdale. Mr. Weaver inquired if the move will create more jobs. Mr. Scahill stated that the operation has grown in the past, but in the near future it is unforeseen if it will expand the workforce. Mr. Weaver questioned if the center's new location would increase public accessibility. Mr. Scahill responded that while tours would be offered to groups, the center will remain secured and not open to public traffic.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:17 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 1:30 PM.