

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

January 16, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 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, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Brad Pedersen – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Armstrong County, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Linda Hemmes – Allegheny River Development Corps, Josie Schultz – EQT, Steve Rusek - F&M Bank, Gary Mohne, Jane Travis – Concerned about Health Center, Tom Emmonds.

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 January 2, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

BID AWARD

First Avenue Water Line Replacement Project to Process Contracting Company, Incorporated

Ms. Johnson requested that the Board award the West Kittanning, First Avenue Water Line Replacement Project construction contract to Process Contracting Company, Incorporated of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$99,000.00 subject to the solicitor's review.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried with Mr. Bower abstaining due to his position on the Water Authority Board, pending the solicitor's review the Board approved the bid award for the West Kittanning First Avenue Water Line Replacement Project to Process Contracting Company, Incorporated.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2014-2 Authorization of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note

Ms. Cowan stated that the County Treasurer sent proposals to six banks for a 1.8 million dollar tax anticipation note and received four proposals back. She requested that the Board adopt Resolution 2014-2 to award the tax anticipation note to F&M Bank as they were the lowest rate of proposal.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board adopted Resolution 2014-2 Authorization of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.

On behalf of F&M Bank Mr. Rusek expressed his appreciation for the business and opportunity to serve the county. Mr. Fink stated that they were pleased to be able to award the note to a local bank, noting all the service and support F&M gives to the community.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Contract Renewal for Armstrong County Assistant District Attorneys

Mr. Lucovich stated that the contracts for the renewal of the Armstrong County Assistant District Attorneys include a three percent wage increase and permission to attend one annual conference. The Assistant District Attorneys' contracts for renewal are:

- Attorney Cindy L. Calarie
- Attorney Kathleen Charlton
- Attorney George R. Kepple
- Attorney Chase McClister

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the labor attorney's review the Board approved the contract renewals between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Assistant District Attorneys.

Contract Renewal for Armstrong County Public Defenders

Mr. Lucovich presented the contract renewals for the Armstrong County Public Defenders, stating that the renewals include a three percent wage increase and mileage. The Armstrong County Public Defenders being renewed are:

- Attorney Charles A. Pascal
- Attorney James H. Wray
- Attorney Preston T. Younkens
- Attorney Debra L. Yost

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the labor attorney's review the Board approved the contract renewals between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Public Defenders.

Contract Renewal for Paula Caruso LaStrapes, Esquire, Independent of Armstrong County Public Defenders

Mr. Lucovich requested the approval to renew Paula Caruso LaStrapes contract as an Independent of the Public Defender's office.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the labor attorney's review the Board approved the contract renewals between Armstrong County and Paula Caruso LaStrapes, Esquire, Independent of Armstrong County Public Defenders.

Investment Management Agreement with PNC Capital Advisors, LLC

Ms. Miller stated that the Retirement Board decided to diversify the funds to a wider range of money managers. She stated that the goal is to improve the returns on the investments. The Board clarified that this is an approval of the agreement between the County and PNC Capital Advisors, LLC.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board approved the Investment Management Agreement between Armstrong County and PNC Capital Advisors, LLC. Mr. Fink stated that he approved the action at today's meeting but wanted it to be noted that he voted against the action when it was presented at the Retirement Board Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Weaver requested clarification of the reasoning Mr. Fink based his previous negative vote. Mr. Fink stated that the financial advisor did not recommend moving money at this time due to the state of the market and that is why he voted to postpone the move.

A few family members of residents at the Health Center attended the meeting to request clarification of the situation and changes at the facility. The Board and Mr. Lucovich verified that the Health Center is under new management for the purpose of addressing the issues of care and costs at the facility. They also verified that there are no plans to close or sell the facility, but the plan is to address the issues of financial responsibility and keep the facility open and under county ownership. It was noted that every resident's family was given the number of 1-877-843-7269 to contact Affinity with questions and concerns. Mr. Battaglia reminded everyone that the Commissioners and Mr. Lucovich can be reached via email at anytime.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:55 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 9:00 am.