

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

February 6, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014 AT 9:00 AM 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, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Brad Pederson – Leader Times, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Kevin Shepard – Deputy Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Walter Smail – Armstrong County Economic Development, Mike Coonley – Director, Armstrong County Economic Development, Tammy Calderone – Administrator, Armstrong Indiana Behavioral Developmental Health Program, Wendy Buzard – Director, Armstrong County Elections, Denny Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Tammie Gaff – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Rick Croyle – Director, Armstrong County Veterans' Affairs, Wayne D. Gerhold – Gerhold Law Office, Bob Fratto – Gerhold Law Office.

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 16, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2014-3 Note Issue to be issued by the Armstrong County Hospital Authority in Connection with the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital Project

Mr. Gerhold detailed the process of the federal law financing requirements that involves a hearing. He noted that a public hearing was held on February 4, 2014 with approximately ten attendees with questions but no oppositions.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2014-3 Note Issue to be issued by the Armstrong County Hospital Authority in Connection with the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital Project. The Board confirmed that this will not be a financial burden of responsibility on the county in any way.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2014-3 Isadore Valenti Day "100th Birthday"

Mr. Croyle described the birthday celebration that was held at the Pattonville VFW. He stated that the Veterans' Affairs office presented him with a certificate and the Commissioners provided a Proclamation.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged Proclamation 2014-3 Isadore Valenti Day “100th Birthday”.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Horizon Information Systems

Ms. Gaff described the contract for tracking of the retirement funds. She confirmed that it is a one year contract with no increase in cost.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor’s review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Horizon Information Systems.

Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC

Ms. Gaff stated that Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC, provides guidance for retirement funds; it is also an annual contract with no increase in cost.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor’s review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC.

Jeffrey S. Jessell

Ms. Buzard requested the renewal of the contract with Mr. Jeffrey S. Jessell for support with the programming of the election software. Mr. Lucovich confirmed that is the same contract as previously used; the only change was the cost.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the previous review of the solicitor, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Jeffrey S. Jessell.

Richard A. Mercurio

Mr. Lucovich stated that this agreement will approve Dr. Mercurio as the Medical Director at the Armstrong County Health Center.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor’s review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Dr. Richard A. Mercurio.

Pearson VUE

Mr. Shepard explained that effective this year all institutions are required to have electronic testing available for GED completions. He noted that Pearson VUE is one of the programs that is available to meet the requirement. Mr. Fink expressed his support of the program and the successful outcome of inmates completing their high school education.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Pearson VUE.

SAVIN

Mr. Shepard explained that the Statewide Automated Victim Information Network (SAVIN) will electronically notify any victim when a change in status of the incarcerated person occurs. Mr. Fink concurred that it is a valuable tool that happens automatically and electronically. Mr. Shepard stated that the program is mandatory by the state and that there is no cost to the county as it is paid for by grants and money from the inmate relief fund.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and SAVIN.

Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Smail stated that the Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority is preparing to submit an application for 1.5 million dollars from the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program to improve the infrastructure at Northpointe. He noted that the agreement states that the county will cover any unauthorized expenses.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Industrial Development Authority.

Avanco, Incorporated

Mr. Demangone explained that this agreement will provide a web based software update for the Care Management System. He stated that the cost is divided between the 53 counties that participate in the contract, noting that Armstrong County is responsible for approximately \$3,000.00 based on the number of users.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Avanco, Incorporated.

2013-2014 Child Placement

Mr. Demangone described the following contracts as providers of different types of placement services, and are very specialized services to match with the youth's needs. The county is utilizing eight facilities but is presenting the entire list to be in place if needed.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and the following facilities:

- Adelphoi Village, Inc. – Latrobe, PA
- Alternative Living Solutions – Latrobe, PA
- Bethesda Children's Home – Meadville, PA
- Cambria Co. Detention Center – Ebensburg, PA
- Cambria Co. Emergency Youth Shelter – Ebensburg, PA
- Centre County Youth Service Bureau – State College, PA
- Christian Home of Johnstown – Johnstown, PA
- Cornell-Abraxas Group, Inc. – Pittsburgh, PA
- Crossroads Group Home & Services, Inc. – Farrell, PA
- George Jr Republic – Grove City, PA
- Glen Mills Schools – Concordville, PA

- Harborcreek Youth Services – Harborcreek, PA
- Keystone Adolescent Center – Greenville, PA
- KidsPeace Corporation – Schnecksville, PA
- MHY Family Services – Mars, PA
- Northwestern Human Services – Harrisburg, PA
- Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc. – Greensburg, PA
- Pathways Adolescent Center – Oil City, PA
- Perseus House – Erie, PA
- Pressley Ridge – Pittsburgh, PA
- Professional Family Care Services, Inc. – Johnstown, PA
- Summit Schools, Inc. – Herman, PA
- Wesley Spectrum Services, Inc. – Pittsburgh, PA
- Westmoreland Co. Regional Detention Center – Greensburg, PA

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Hospital Authority

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Frank A. Wolfe, 930 5th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 to the unfinished term of Gealy Wallwork to expire January 1, 2016.

Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (AIBDHP)

Ms. Calderone requested the approval of Reverend Lori Harris for re-appointment to the Advisory Board.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Reverend Lori Harris, 4 Lewis Road, Shelocta, PA 15774 to the AIBDHP Advisory Board, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for January 2014

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for January 2014.

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 9:18 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 9:00 am.