

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 29, 2012**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 29, 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, Brigid Beatty – Leader Times, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell – Director Belmont Complex, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Planning & Development, David Mansour – Director Health Center, Mark Stitt – Health Center, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Planning & Development, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Planning & Development, Michael Malak – Senate Engineering, Bill Braun – Senate Engineering, Dave McRandal – McRandal Company, Linda Kindoll – ESS Insurance, Gary Bittner – Representative for Local Union.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the minutes for the February 16, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID OPENING**

**Belmont Complex Upgrade Bids**

Ms. Johnson explained that this is for Phase II improvements to the Belmont which includes improvements to the ceiling, dasher boards and electrical work among other areas.

The following bids were received:

Company	City	Bid Bond	General	Electrical	HVAC
Armstrong Electric Company Inc.	Kittanning	In process	0	\$553,579	0
Francis J. Palo	Clarion	Yes	\$317,000 add \$8,500 for material	0	0
McRandal Inc.	Pittsburgh	Yes	0	0	\$174,400

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners tabled the bids for tabulation and review.

**Armstrong County Health Center Sprinkler Project Bids**

It was announced that no bids were received. They will re-advertise for bids.

Mr. Bittner described the difficulties that several contractors have experienced with the engineers and the bid specs. Mr. Malak and Mr. Bittner discussed some of their concerns and possible solutions with the Board of Commissioners.

### **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

#### **Property & Liability Insurance Renewal with Echnoz, Scalzott & Schutzman (ESS) Insurance**

Mr. Skamai stated that ESS has been the County's Property & Liability provider for approximately the last 8 years. During that time, because of their presence in the market, they have negotiated quality coverage while either maintaining or reducing the insurance premiums. Ms. Kindoll announced that they will be switching from the Travelers Insurance Co. to Great American Insurance Co. closing her comments by announcing that as a result, the county will realize a cumulative savings of \$200,000 in the next two years.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Property & Liability Insurance Renewal between Armstrong County and Echnoz, Scalzott & Schutzman (ESS) Insurance.

#### **Addendum of the Pharmacy Agreement Extension with Mission Pharmacy Services**

Mr. Mansour stated that Mission Pharmacy has agreed to extend the Pharmacy Service Agreement until June 1, 2012.

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 addendum of the Pharmacy Agreement Extension between Armstrong County and Mission Pharmacy Services.

#### **2011 CDBG Grant Contract with Department of Community and Economic Development**

Ms. Johnson stated that this is the standard grant contract for DCED that will administer Community Development Block Grant money for the state of Pennsylvania. She explained that the amount of \$576,836 will include the 2011 CDBG allocations for the County, Kiskiminetas Township, Kittanning Borough and Manor Township.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the execution of the County's 2011 CDBG grant contract with DCED in the amount of \$576, 836.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the Financial Transactions for February 2012.

#### **Announcement of Liquid Fuels County Aid Awards**

Mr. Alviano explained that this is the fourth year that money has been available to the townships and boroughs; he stated that this year they received 25 applications with requests totaling

approximately \$550,000 in funding. He presented for approval six municipalities to be awarded a total of \$100,000.

- Dayton Borough, \$2,716 for drainage improvements on East Railroad Avenue
- Hovey Township, \$5,500 for road improvements on Robinson Road
- Manor Township, \$10,122 for drainage improvements on Millennium Drive
- Manorville Borough, \$20,000 for road repairs and seal coating of Water Street
- North Apollo Borough, \$31,000 for paving of 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- West Kittanning Borough, \$31,000 for paving of various residential streets

Mr. Alviano stated that in order to receive County Liquid Fuels funds, the six municipalities will need to submit Penn DOT forms and provide the necessary match in funds.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Battaglia commended the Planning & Development Department and Mr. Alviano for the work they did to evaluate the applications and determine the awards in a fair process and procedure.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the Liquid Fuels County Aid Awards as presented.

### **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 1:50 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1:30 pm.