

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
March 3, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 3, 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, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Kathy Heilman – Community Development Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Jim Kuemmerle – Administrator, Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Randall Brozenick, Director, Armstrong County Public Safety, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Proclamation Attendees: Fran Bowley, Clara Kapln, Stephanie Russick, Denise Russick, Dr. Olsen

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried, the minutes for the February 17, 2011 Public Meeting were approved. Ms. Kirkpatrick abstained due to her absence at the previous meeting.

BID OPENING

Radio System Civil Work Bid Opening

The following bids were received:

Sabre Communication Corporation	Sioux City, Iowa	\$9,338,063.00
J.G. Contracting CO	Carnegie, Pennsylvania	\$5,456,360.24

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners tabled the bid for tabulation and review. Mr. Brozenick noted that the bid will involve Armstrong and Indiana Counties.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Change Order for Omnibus Contract with L. R. Kimball and Associates

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Change Order for Omnibus Contract between Armstrong County and L. R. Kimball and Associates. The request has been made to cover additional work beyond the original plan and will increase the contract amount by \$34,677.00.

PHYSIO Control Technical Service Support Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the technical service support agreement for the

Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and PHYSIO Control. Mr. Montebell stated that this is a two year contract that will provide AED units at the Belmont Complex.

Change Order #1 for Jackson Drainage Area Phase I Sanitary Sewer Project

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Change Order #1 for Jackson Drainage Area Phase I Sanitary Sewer Project. Ms. Heilman explained that this is for Phase I of the Engineering Contract that is for Phase II of the Project. The increase is in the amount of \$26,450.00 and has been approved by Kiskiminetas Township.

Canine (K9) Team Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Armstrong County Office of the District Attorney Canine (K9) Team between Armstrong County and Canine Detective Mark Heider. Mr. Brozenick spoke on behalf of Mr. Heider, who was unavailable due to attendance at training. He stated that it was through a cooperative agreement with Region 13 and Allegheny County, that Armstrong County was able to secure the use of a canine in the county. Mr. Brozenick stated that other counties have commended the skills of Mr. Heider's canine. Mr. Fink added that while at a school assembly his granddaughter witnessed firsthand the activity and skills of the dog.

Ikon Copier Lease 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 copier lease agreement on behalf of the Armstrong County Commissioners' Office between Armstrong County and Ikon. Mr. Skamai stated that this copier replaces a model that was over thirteen years old and beyond repair. The new copier is energy efficient and offers lower cost per copies than the previous copier.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2011-2 for 2011 Chamber Business of the Year, Olsen Chiropractic

Ms Kirkpatrick described the annual event that the Chamber of Commerce offers and the luncheon that is held.

Dr. Olsen described his desire to give back to the community. He acknowledged the efforts of his family and staff for their work and support.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously; the Commissioners approved Proclamation 2011-2 for 2011 Chamber Business of the Year, Olsen Chiropractic. The Board expressed their appreciation to Dr. Olsen for his efforts and for attending today's meeting.

Proclamation 2011-3 for 2011 Chamber Volunteer Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Frances Bowley

The Board of Commissioners expressed their gratitude to Ms. Bowley for her volunteerism. Ms. Bowley described her time and duties as a volunteer. She stated that she is happy to volunteer and appreciates the activities and the productive work it provides.

Mr. Scahill read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously; the Commissioners approved Proclamation 2011-3 for 2011 Chamber Volunteer Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Frances Bowley. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that it is an amazing amount of monetary savings that volunteers provide throughout the county.

Proclamation 2011-4 for 2011 Chamber Junior Volunteer Citizen of the Year, Stephanie Russick

Ms. Russick credited her volunteerism to enjoying doing whatever she can do to help. She prefers volunteering over activities such as video games. She is currently assisting in her high school's play.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously; the Commissioners approved Proclamation 2011-4 for 2011 Chamber Junior Volunteer Citizen of the Year, Stephanie Russick. The Board is hopeful that others will be encouraged by these three honorees to join in volunteering.

Proclamation 2011-5 Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month March 2011

Mr. Kuemmerle stated that March is always designated as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. The goal is to make others realize that those affected with Intellectual Disabilities have the same hopes and goals as everyone else.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously; the Commissioners approved Proclamation 2011-5 May 2011 as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. The Board of Commissioners announced that Mr. Kuemmerle was recently honored and named Social Worker of the Month. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that someone felt strongly about his efforts and submitted his name for the honor. The Board of Commissioners also recognized that Mr. Kuemmerle is an active volunteer in the community.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners acknowledged the financial transactions for February 2011.

Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed her gratitude to the Commissioners and staff for their support and assistance during her recent injury. She stated that she believes this was the first Public Meeting that she has missed during her time as a Commissioner.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments and questions.

Mr. Scahill stated that Dr. Olsen supports many causes that are close to his own heart. He described that most volunteers are modest people who do not seek recognition and that this county is full of caring people that open their hearts and wallets. He then recognized Ms. Bowley stating that her hours volunteered equal the total volunteer hours at the senior centers. He praised the efforts of the MH / MR / EI for their work in bringing understanding and awareness to society.

Mr. Fink concurred with Mr. Scahill on the vitality of volunteerism. He noted that the food bank, firefighters and emergency responders are all volunteers. He feels confident that our youth will continue the tradition of volunteering and giving to the community. Mr. Fink then stated that he knows that MH / MR / EI will be changing their name statewide in a short time and praises their efforts. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Kuemmerle for his efforts and also his volunteerism. He closed his remarks by describing the pending Federal and State Budget Cuts, stating that we will soon see these effects. He noted the pending cuts by the Army Corps of Engineers to the locks and dam system. He stated that the Board of Commissioners and members of the community are seeking a solution to maintain the locks and dams. He is hopeful that the Federal and State cuts do not affect mandated funding for programs.

Ms. Kirkpatrick also described how cuts could affect the community, noting the CDBG funding has been critical for funding several programs especially the water and sewage projects. She noted that the water and sewage improvements alone have included 6.6 million dollars in entitlement programs. She stated it is one of the most critical programs in rural Pennsylvania. She urges everyone to show support for necessary programs and eliminate the programs that are wasteful.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that there would be a program detailing the Power of 32 broadcasted on WQED this evening at 7:30 and a presentation on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Point Park College to discuss the efforts and outcomes of areas that work together to achieve regionalism.

Mr. Scahill stated that there has been a push for years to eliminate the CBDG funding in the past. He described the funding as vital to the community. He noted that on March 9, 2011 he would be in Washington DC with the National Association of Counties (NACo) where they will be working on several issues but most importantly to ensure no mandates without funding.

Mr. Weaver asked if the Radio Project work will begin before the 2013 mandated deadline. The Board of Commissioners responded affirmatively.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:35 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 1:30 PM.