

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
March 7, 2013**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013 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, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Mary Anne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Sally Conklin – Recycling Coordinator, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Len Meneely – Armstrong Recycling, Damean Hilty – Miller Electric, Brigid Beatty – Leader Times, Regina Liermann - Taxpayer

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 February 21, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

Rejection of all Bids received for the Addition and Renovations to the Armstrong County Belmont Complex – Approve Re-bidding the project with a revised project scope

Ms. Johnson stated that the bids were over budget, and based on the recommendation of the architect the project scope will be reduced and will not include the construction of the new locker rooms. Ms. Johnson asked the Board of Commissioners to formally reject the bids that were received and authorize re-advertisement of the bids; she added that the plan is to reopen the bids on March 28, 2013. Bids will be received at the Controller's office and opened at the Planning and Development office on this date.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board rejected all bids received for the Addition and Renovations to the Armstrong County Belmont Complex.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved Re-bidding the project with a revised project scope.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Collective Bargaining Agreement between Armstrong County and the Detectives of the County of Armstrong

Ms. Koleny requested that the Board approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Armstrong County and the Full-Time Detectives of the County. Ms. Koleny stated that the contract was reviewed by the County's Labor Consultant and he approved the updates that are in this two year contract.

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and the Full-Time Detectives of the County of Armstrong.

2013 Claims Agreement between Armstrong County and Babb Absence Management Services

Ms. Koleny requested that the Board approve the 2013 Claims Agreement between Armstrong County and Babb Absence Management Services. Ms. Koleny stated this is a service agreement for the administration of County's workers compensation self-insurance program and there are no changes to the agreement this year.

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the 2013 Claims Agreement between Armstrong County and Babb Absence Management Services.

Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Plan

Ms. Johnson explained that the DCD is requiring all grantees to upgrade the Minority Business Enterprise Plan and the Women's Business Enterprise Plan which is called the MBWB Plan. The County originally adopted the MBWB Plan on August 1, 1994 and the State has added some new guidelines, and is asking the grantees to do some additional outreach. There is specific language required for bid documents and the contractors will have additional reporting requirements and solicitation requirements. The plan has been prepared based on the guidelines of the State. Ms. Johnson asked that a formal adoption be made by the Board of Commissioners.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Plan.

Section 3 Action Plan

Ms. Johnson explained that the County originally adopted this Plan in January 1997. The DCD requirements have changed recently so the plan was updated to meet the DCD requirements, and Ms. Johnson is requesting that the Board of Commissioners adopt this Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the Section 3 Action Plan.

Brady's Bend Center Lease Agreement

Ms. Talerico explained that this is the lease agreement for the Brady's Bend Senior center and it is a two year agreement, for two days a week Monday and Friday.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the Brady's Bend Center Lease Agreement between Armstrong County and American Legion, Bishop Madden, Post 488 Home Association.

2013 "Hard to Recycle" Day Collection Events

Ms. Conklin explained that the Tire Collection is through Mahantango Enterprise, Inc. and the county has been with this company for three years. This is for the Spring tire collection on April 20th and the Fall recycle day on September 28th.

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

Registration 2013 "Hard to Recycle" Day Collection Events

Ms. Conklin explained that in order for the county to get reimbursed for fifty percent of our event costs we need to register with the DEP. This is a standard form that does not need to be reviewed by the solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Application between Armstrong County and Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waste Management for Registration 2013 "Hard to Recycle" Day Collection Events.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for February 2013

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for February 2013.

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 1:40 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 1:30 pm.