

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
March 17, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 17, 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, Renetta Signorini – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Randall Brozenick, Director, Armstrong County Public Safety, Len Meneely – Armstrong Recycling Center, Sally Conklin – Planning Division Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Denny Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Sonie Mervis – Armstrong County Treasurer, Janet McKinley – Financial Director, Armstrong County Health Center, Nancy Dragan – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, David Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Kevin Shepard – Deputy Warden, Armstrong County Jail, John Cunnington – Representative of Kimball and Associates, Kenneth Heilman – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Linda Cornman – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Edward Kinspel – J G Contracting Company, John Gyurina – J G Contracting Company, James Gyurina – J G Contracting Company, Amanda Hiles – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Tammy Gaff – Second Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the March 3, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

BID AWARD

Radio System Civil Work Bid Opening

The following bids were received at the March 3, 2011 meeting:

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

Mr. Brozenick stated that the quoted cost is to be shared by Armstrong and Indiana Counties; the cost for Armstrong County is not to exceed \$2,782,577.96. Mr. Cunnington said that he recommended this vendor after all specifications were evaluated. Mr. Cunnington detailed the 60 specific items called out at each site and 80 optional items that were also called out. Mr. Al Smith was recognized for his efforts in reviewing the bids.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners awarded the bid for the Radio System Civil Work to J G Contracting Company of Carnegie, Pennsylvania for a price of \$5,456,360.24 between Armstrong and Indiana Counties, not to exceed \$2,782,577.96 in costs to Armstrong County.

BID OPENING

Animal Bedding System at the Armstrong County Recycling Center

No bids were received for the Animal Bedding System. Other options will now be explored to remove the equipment and open more available space. Mr. Cigola explained that this equipment is no longer required for processing and is not being utilized.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Memorandum of Understanding – Household Waste Collection

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Household Waste Collection. Ms. Conklin stated that Armstrong County will be working with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste (SWPA HHW) Taskforce to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event on June 18, 2011 at Hilltop Plaza, Kittanning.

Highmark's Instruction to Release Data to Third Party

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement with Highmark to release information to a third party. Ms. Koleny explained that this agreement permits Highmark to release data to BABB, Inc.

Customer Service Agreement for the Armstrong County Jail with Windstream

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Customer Service Agreement for the Armstrong County Jail between Armstrong County and Windstream. Mr. Hogue stated that by eliminating unused lines and decreasing the cost per minute this contract will enable the County to save approximately \$400.00 per month.

Installation and Services Agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center with Comcast

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Installation and Services Agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and Comcast. Ms. Dragan stated that the recent change to digital cable caused a review of the Health Center's cable usage. Comcast has agreed to base the price on 75 televisions rather than the 150 that are actually in use, Ms. Dragan stated that the contract will cost the county an additional \$500.00 per month but noted that it is still the best option. Ms. Dragan recognized Comcast for their timely assistance in upgrading the televisions and maintaining the residents' viewing enjoyment.

HPRP Budget for Community Action Agency

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing

Program (HPRP) Budget for Community Action Agency. Mr. Heilman explained that the revision has been implemented to adjust the need of the grant money for the larger At-Risk Homeless (prevention) rather than in the Newly Homeless Category. He stated that money is also being allocated from the budgeted categories of Moving Assistance and Motel / Hotel Stays for the newly homeless to the At-Risk Homeless (prevention).

New EOC Building Agreement with Schrader Group Architecture, LLC

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement for the new Emergency Operating Center (EOC) building between Armstrong County and Schrader Group Architecture, LLC. Mr. Brozenick stated that several months ago they received proposals from approximately 13 architecture firms for the new EOC building. He stated that there is a list of multiple parameters that the building must meet. The agreement is for a fixed fee of \$157,000.00.

Professional Services Agreement Justice Works Youth Care, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Professional Services Agreement for Children, Youth and Family Services between Armstrong County and Justice Works Youth Care, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Demangone stated that this particular program works with youth while in the children's family homes.

Child Placement Service Provider Contracts with the following:

- Adelphoi Village
- Alternative Energy Youth Farm
- Alternative Living Solutions
- Cambria County Detention & Shelter
- Centre County Youth Service Bureau
- Cornell Abraxas
- Crossroads Group Home Services
- Family Services of NWP
- Gateway Rehabilitation Center
- George Jr. Republic
- Harborcreek Youth Services
- Hermitage House Youth Services
- Keystone Adolescent Center
- Laura Walker Project
- Mars Home for Youth
- Northwestern Human Services
- Outside-In School of Experimental Education, Inc
- Pathways Adolescent Center
- Pressley Ridge
- Professional Family Care Services, Inc
- Pyramid Health Care
- Summit Academy
- The Glen Mills School

- Visionquest
- Westmoreland County Detention

Mr. Demangone stated that the listed 25 service providers are available as choices to provide the services that best suits children with their needs.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Child Placement Service Provider Contracts.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2011-1 Parameters Ordinance

Mr. Wenger detailed the refinancing of a portion of bonds last year, noting that another portion is eligible in June 2011. Mr. Brewer stated that the ordinance is similar to last year; it will provide a pre-authorization to be in place. Mr. Wenger will monitor the interest rates and select the best time to maximize the amount that the bonds are sold for. Mr. Pepler stated that this isn't a case of additional borrowing; it is refinancing that will provide an approximate savings of \$800,000.00 overall.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2011-1 Parameters Ordinance.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2011-6 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Partial Funding of the New Emergency Operation Center (EOC)

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-6 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Partial Funding of the New Emergency Operation Center (EOC). Ms. Johnson stated that in conjunction with the PEMA grant there must be one person designated as the Applicant Agent. This resolution designates Ms. Carmen Johnson as the County's appointed designee. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Johnson for accepting the role.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Recognition of 2010 Retirees

Ms. Miller read aloud the following list of retirees:

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Mark A. Campbell	Jail	20 years	1990 to 2010 *
Donna R. Kornasiewicz	Planning	12 years	1987 to 2000
Ella M. Lockard	Health Center	20 years	1990 to 2010
Alice J. Olinger	Health Center	27 years	1981 to 2010
Melissa C. Slagle	Prothonotary	20 years	1988 to 2010

Terry L. Stouffer	Belmont Complex	7 years	2001 to 2010
Ramona E. Troutman	Health Center	18 years	1990 to 2010
Darlene Veselicky	911	8 years	1993 to 2001
Linda D. Wagle	District Attorney	30 years	1980 to 2010

Mr. Campbell was the only retiree able to attend the meeting. Ms. Miller presented a plaque to Mr. Campbell.

Announcement of Applicants Needed for the County’s PA ACCESS Program

Ms. Johnson announced that Armstrong County has been approved to receive grant money from state funding to provide handicapped accessible improvements to eligible residents. Some examples of the available improvements are ramps, bathroom improvements and chair lifts. She stated that eligibility is based on all income per the number of people living in a household; a single occupant’s income may not exceed \$30,350.00. Ms. Johnson stated that the deadline for the grant money to be used is June 30, 2011 and that the county is seeking applicants. The Board of Commissioners requested assistance from the media in advertising the grant availability to the community.

Announcement of Liquid Fuels County Aid Awards

Mr. Alviano stated that this money is to be used for municipal road, bridge and culvert projects. Twenty-two municipalities submitted applications for funding through the County’s 2011 Liquid Fuels County Aid Program. Applications were evaluated and nine municipalities were selected to be funded. A total of \$151,479 of funding will be distributed among those nine municipalities.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read the list of the following municipalities that are to receive County Aid funding:

- Bradys Bend Township, \$15,000 for road improvements on Poncic Road
- Cowanshannock Township, \$17,000 for paving of Third Street in the Village of Yatesboro
- Ford City Borough, \$16,475 for milling and paving of O’Connor Street
- Gilpin Township, \$20,000 for a culvert replacement on Evergreen Road
- Madison Township, \$10,000 for seal coating of Olean Road
- Mahoning Township, \$34,254 for seal coating of Pheasant Farm Road
- Rural Valley Borough, \$12,000 for paving of Gourley and Grove Streets
- Sugarcreek Township, \$16,750 for road improvements and culvert replacement on Foster Mills Road
- Valley Township, \$10,000 for seal coating of Laurel Run Road

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Ms. Kirkpatrick recognized Mr. Alviano and the Planning Department’s efforts to orchestrate the application and selection process that assists so many local municipalities.

Mr. Alviano announced that in the past three years, the Commissioners have awarded \$355,685 for projects in 20 municipalities in Armstrong County.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Scahill stated that the EOC contract is a great first step in the project and that he is happy that it went to a Pennsylvania company. He praised Ms. Conklin for her efforts to provide a "Hard to Recycle" day for the county, stating that it is a much needed and appreciated program to county residents. Mr. Scahill expressed his wishes for a Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone, adding that statistics show that one in four people in Pennsylvania have some Irish heritage. In closing, he described the efforts made by those involved in the Liquid Fuels Program through the years and the major bridge projects that have been completed and fully funded through "Act 26".

Mr. Fink requested that everyone keep those affected by the tragedy in Japan in their prayers. He stated that he was pleased with the bid results for the radio project and thankful for what this project will do to ensure the safety of Armstrong County residents and the region. Mr. Fink expressed his appreciation to the department heads, Mr. Pepler, Mr. Wenger and Mr. Brewer for their efforts in maintaining financial responsibility for the county. He is apprehensive over the proposed state budget cuts and how they will impact all aspects of county government. He cited an approximate \$141,000.00 state budget cut in Human Services Development Funding that includes some mandated services and some preventative programs.

Ms. Kirkpatrick recalled the savings that are being recognized throughout the county and expressed her gratitude. She gave credit to the department heads and elected officials, while referencing the decrease of \$400.00 per month in the phone bill at the jail as an example that everyone is working to find ways to decrease cost to the operations of the county. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that the Board is also constantly working to reduce costs and eliminate waste. She feels that investments in the information technology will lead to a continuously successful endeavor. She noted that the county has been fortunate in their debts service, but that she will continue to pray and seek divine intervention. Ms. Kirkpatrick then complimented Mr. Brozenick and all involved in the development of the radio project. She affirmed that the Board of Commissioners is committed to the project and the safety it will provide for the area. Ms. Kirkpatrick closed her comments by sharing some figures that demonstrated the significant impact of the Community in regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, especially in job creation.

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 2:31 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 1:30 PM.