

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
April 15, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Chad Puz– Family Life TV, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller –Armstrong County Controller, Janet Talerico – Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Roy Carney – Director, Armstrong County Public Works, Wendy Buzard – Director, Armstrong County Elections and Voter Registration, District Magistrate J. Gary DeComo.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the April 1, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

Opening of Retaining Wall / Front Stair Bids

The following bids were received:

Bidders	Envelope Titled & Sealed	Bid Bond or Check	Total Bid Amount
Francis J. Palo	Clarion	Bond Check	\$53,500
Gregori Construction	Sarver	Bond Check	\$83,000
Kishmo	Apollo	Bond Check	\$57,500
Rural Valley Construction	Rural Valley	Bond Check	\$132,597

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and approved unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the County Commissioners tabled the bids for further review and tabulation.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Area Agency on Aging Lease Agreement with HFS Partners, LLP

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Area Agency on Aging lease agreement between Armstrong County and HFS Partners, LLP. Ms. Talerico explained that this lease is for the Water Street office and is necessary due to the change in property ownership. This lease is for five years with a five year renewable option and no penalty for cancellation.

Digital Inclusion Initiative Project for Area Agency on Aging with Community Action

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Talerico the County Commissioners approved the Digital Inclusion Initiative Project for Area Agency on Aging between Armstrong County and Armstrong County Community Action Agency. Ms. Talerico stated that the agreement allows Community Action to manage the program that is funded through a previous agreement with Senior Centers of America.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Belmont Advisory Board Re- Appointment

Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed appreciation to the board members for the work that they have accomplished; she noted that they are volunteers.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and approved unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Ms. Mary Obeneder, 124 Rinker Hollow, Kittanning, PA 16201, Mr. Gary Pinkerton, 184 Alameda Park Road, Butler, PA 16001, Ms. Carol Hooks, 120 Zimmerman Way, Kittanning, PA 16201 and Ms. Sue Gray, 13100 SR 422, Kittanning, PA 16201 to three year terms to expire March 31, 2013.

Belmont Advisory Board Appointment

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and approved unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Lisa Pongrantz, 272 Walkchalk Road, Kittanning, PA 16201 and Ms. Jody Mortimer, 133 Lemmon Hollow Road, Kittanning PA 16201 to three year terms to expire March 31, 2013.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2010-11 Area Agency on Aging Volunteer Recognition Week April 18th to 24th

Ms. Talerico announced that 241 volunteers assisted the Area Agency on Aging with over 24,544 hours. She credited their efforts and volunteerism for enabling many of the programs that AAA offers. She noted that this coincides with National Volunteer Week.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-11 Area Agency on Aging Volunteer Recognition Week April 18th to 24th. The Board of Commissioners offered their appreciation for the volunteers throughout the county, especially the AAA volunteers.

Proclamation 2010-12 May 2010 as Older Americans Month

Ms. Talerico announced several events for the month of May beginning with Volunteer Recognition at the Senior Centers on May 5, 2010; the Annual Senior Spelling Bee will be May 6,

2010 at 2:00 PM at the Water Street Office in Kittanning; The Senior Art Exhibit will be May 19, 2010 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM, participants and the public are welcome.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-12 May 2010 as Older Americans Month. The Board encourages everyone to participate.

Proclamation 2010-13 April 26th to April 30th 2010 as Drugs Kill Dreams Awareness Week

Magisterial District Judge DeComo displayed several pamphlets that he designed to promote awareness and prevention of drug use. He encouraged everyone to bring expired and unused medications to Klingensmith's Pharmacies and remove them from the home to discourage the current dilemma of home invasion for the procurement of drugs.

Mr. Scahill read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-13 April 26th to 30th 2010 as Drugs Kill Dreams Awareness Week. The Board of Commissioners commended Magisterial District Judge DeComo for his work. They also praised Klingensmith's for their offer of disposal, noting that there is no other way to properly dispose of medication without it affecting the water supply or improperly dumping it into landfills. Mr. Scahill closed comment on this action by sharing his personal experience in the loss of his nephew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voter Registration Announcements

Ms. Buzard announced that Monday, April 19, 2010 at 4:30 PM was the last day to register to vote and to make a change of address or party affiliation for the May Primary.

Announcing Liquid Fuels County Aid Grant Awards

Mr. Alviano stated that the county allocated money from Liquid Fuel funds to municipalities in the county to be utilized for road improvements. Thirteen applications were received and reviewed to determine what portion of the grant money, that totaled \$106,839.00. would be allocated to them. The Board of Commissioners announced the following grant funding awards:

- Bethel Township, \$35,753 for road improvements and culvert replacements on Stitt Hill Road
- Gilpin Township, \$12,000 for a culvert replacement on Evergreen Road
- Kittanning Borough, \$5,128.80 for a culvert replacement on Clearfield Pike
- Kittanning Township, \$9,813 for guide rail improvements on bridges located on Shale Road and Rinker Hollow Road
- Perry Township, \$21,363.60 for culvert replacements on Hillvale Road
- Plumcreek Township, \$3,630.88 for guide rail improvements on bridge located on Batistig Road and culvert replacement on Mutton Hollow Road

- Redbank Township, \$8955.70 for replacement of cross pipes located on Lower Mudlic Road
- Wayne Township, \$10,194 for road improvements, culvert replacement and culvert addition on Creek Road

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

At Mr. Fink's request, all those in attendance at the meeting stood and observed a moment of silence in memory of the 29 coal miners who were killed in West Virginia. As a retired miner and qualified mine safety representative, Mr. Fink was able to detail the preventable safety violations that could have saved the miners lives. He made special mention of Josh Knapper, a 25 year old who had been a miner for only a few months; he leaves behind a young daughter. Mr. Fink has contacted President Obama and requested stricter penalties for violations and increased safety to prevent the needless and tragic deaths from reoccurring.

Mr. Scahill expressed his gratitude to Mr. Fink for his words. Mr. Scahill stated that his two sons are both miners, describing it as a necessary job with extreme danger. Mr. Scahill then paid tribute to Mr. John McCue, a native of Armstrong County, a World War II Veteran and local attorney. He described Mr. McCue as a friend of the County, credited him with founding the Armstrong Educational Trust and noted his great assistance in various political endeavors. Mr. Scahill stated that in Mr. McCue's death, a great mentor and friend will be greatly missed.

Ms. Kirkpatrick concurred with Commissioner Scahill in regard to Mr. McCue's involvement and contributions to the County. She commended Commissioner Fink for his advocacy in mine safety and miners' lives. She stated that her thoughts and prayers go out to the miners and their families, as the community here and in West Virginia show support.

Ms. Kirkpatrick reminded everyone of several upcoming events, and noted that "30 Days, 30 Ways to a Healthy You" is ongoing. A blood drive is scheduled for April 27th from Noon to 6:00 PM at the Belmont Complex. She suggested that everyone participate as a way to give back to their community. She also reminded everyone of the walks scheduled along the Armstrong Trail every evening this week, beginning at 6:00 PM by Lock & Dam No. 8. There will be a free seminar on protecting yourself from identity theft on April 22, 2010.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:25 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 1:30 PM.