

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
April 18, 2013



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 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, Tim Karan – Leader Times, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, David Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Randa Dunmire – Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral Development Health Program, Josie Schultz – EQT, Vicki Smith – Challenger, Julia Trimarchi Cerccaro – Challenger, Walter Schroth - Challenger.

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 April 4, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2013 – 11 Equal Pay Day Proclamation

Mr. Fink explained that the Board of Commissioners received a request from The Women's and Girl's Foundation that the Proclamation be signed before their event on April 9, 2013.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the adoption of Proclamation 2013 – 11 Equal Pay Day Proclamation.

Proclamation 2013 -12 Volunteer Recognition Week April 21 - 27, 2013

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation.

Ms. Talerico recognized that this past year the Area Agency on Aging had over 237 volunteers who donated over 23,000 hours. She stated that they would not be able to offer all the services

that they have without their volunteers. She affirmed that each volunteer will receive a certificate of appreciation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the board adopted Proclamation 2013 – 12 Volunteer Recognition Week April 21 - 27, 2013.

Mr. Fink expressed appreciation to all volunteers throughout the county, from Area Agency on Aging, to the firefighters, food-bank and all others. He recognized the programs that would be unavailable if not for volunteers.

Proclamation 2013 – 13 the Regional Challenger Learning Center Project

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

Ms. Cerccaro expressed their appreciation for the proclamation and gave a brief description of the group's efforts. She confirmed that the Challenger Learning Center is affiliated with NASA and the families of the Challenger astronauts to encourage students in the science and math aspects of class.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the board adopted Proclamation 2013 – 13 the Regional Challenger Learning Center Project.

BID AWARD

Design and Inspection Service Contract for the Short Street Storm Sewer Improvements Project with Senate Engineering

Ms. Johnson explained that the Manor Township Supervisors at their Wednesday, April 3, 2013 meeting recommended that County Commissioners award the engineering contract for this project to Senate Engineering Company of Pittsburgh, PA at a fee of \$9,000. She stated that the recommendation is based on the firm's familiarity with the Township's storm water system, the area's problems, and their working experience with the Township as well as providing the lowest quote. At this time, we respectfully request that the County Commissioners accept this recommendation subject to the approval of the County Solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, based on the recommendation of Ms. Johnson and Manor Township Supervisors, the Board approved the service contract for the Short Street Storm Sewer Improvement Project between Armstrong County and Senate Engineering.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #2013 - 8 Additional Main Street Program Funding for FLAG, Inc.

Ms. Johnson stated that the Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group (FLAG) received \$225,000.00 from the Department of Community and Economic Development's Regional Main Street Program that must be utilized by June of this year. She referred to two businesses that would like to have improvements made and cited this as the reason for the application for additional funding of \$6,709.00. She noted that matching funds would be made.

Mr. Battaglia described an email he received from Ms. Regina Liermann, a county resident, which requested that the Board not pass the Resolution on the grounds that the grant money is tax money. He explained that since the money has already been designated and will not affect future taxes, they will utilize it. Mr. Battaglia noted that they did forward Ms. Liermann's concerns on to the General Assembly to be noted for future decisions. Mr. Fink recognized the efforts of the three communities that have partnered together for improving their communities. He expressed his wish for more communities to follow their lead. Mr. Battaglia added that Ms. Liermann felt businesses should be self sufficient and not rely on grant money. He added that she was unable to attend today's meeting. Ms. Johnson clarified that the businesses involved must provide matching funds.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved Resolution #2013 - 8 Additional Main Street Program Funding for FLAG, Inc.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Clean / NCIC System Contract

Mr. Hogue recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Armstrong County Jail and the 911 Center. Mr. Fink noted that as President of the Prison Board, he also recommends the approval of the two departments sharing this computer program.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the Clean / NCIC System Contract between the Armstrong County Jail and the Armstrong County 911 Department.

Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Contract for Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program with Familylinks, Inc.

Ms. Dunmire requested that the Board approve the 2012 – 2013 Contract between Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program and Familylinks, Inc. in the amount of \$595.50.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the review of the solicitor, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Contract for Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program with Familylinks, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

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, May 2, 2013 at 1:30 pm.