

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**May 5, 2011**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioner Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, Commissioner 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, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Roy Cigola – Armstrong County Recycling Center, Alan Walzak – Strongland Chamber of Commerce

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 April 21, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID OPENING**

Animal Bedding Systems

No bids were received.

Mr. Cigola stated that this was the second time the equipment was advertised without any bids received. He stated that he will research alternative options to dispose of the Animal Bedding Systems Equipment in accordance with state guidelines.

**AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

Waste Tire Contract for spring 2011 "Hard to Recycle" Day with Magnum Industries

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Waste Tire Contract between Armstrong County and Magnum Industries. Mr. Cigola stated that this year's Hard to Recycle Day was a great success. He cited that the previous year's collections of tires ranged from 700 to 900 tires; this year they collected 1800 to 1900 tires; they also collected computer equipment and 209 gallons of used motor oil. Mr. Cigola expressed his appreciation to the volunteers and acknowledged the newest volunteers from Armstrong County Memorial Hospital.

Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company Contract #1 Roof Replacement with Craig Davis Contracting

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of the Ford Cliff Fire Department, the Commissioners approved the Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company Contract #1 Roof Replacement between Armstrong County and Craig Davis Contracting. Ms. Johnson stated that the funds were allocated from a portion of the County's 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and

funds from the Ford Cliff Fire Department. She stated that bids were received for the roof and Craig Davis Contracting offered the lowest base bid of \$27,402.00. The county allocated \$20,833.00 for the Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company Renovation Project that includes the roof replacement and a generator replacement.

#### Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company Contract #2 Generator Replacement with Town and Country Generators

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of the Ford Cliff Fire Department, the Commissioners approved the Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company Contract #2 between Armstrong County and Town and Country Generators. Ms. Johnson stated that bids were received for the generator and Town and Country Generators offered the lowest base bid of \$21,448.00.

#### Bradys Bend Township Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements Project

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the approval of the Bradys Bend Township Water and Sewer Authority, the Commissioners approved the Bradys Bend Township Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements Project between Armstrong County and Bradys Bend Water and Sewer Authority. Ms. Johnson explained that portions of the County's 2010 CDBG funds were allocated to the Bradys Bend Township Sewage Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The funds will assist in the correction of a hydraulic issue, storage issue and pump station's design flaws. The Bradys Bend Township Water and Sewer Authority will provide funds for the balance of the project.

#### Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the approval of the West Kittanning Municipal Authority, the Commissioners approved the Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project between Armstrong County and West Kittanning Municipal Authority. Ms. Johnson stated that the County allocated a portion of its 2009 and 2010 CDBG funds for the Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project. The West Kittanning Municipal Authority will provide funds for the balance of the project.

#### PCTI Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor the Commissioners approved the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) Reimbursement Agreement between Armstrong County and PennDOT. Mr. Alviano stated that the traffic study will be conducted in Kittanning Borough and encompass the core business district, the Armstrong Trail, Riverfront Park, The Kittanning Citizen's Bridge, and major highway corridors entering the borough.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### Resolution 2011-11 Revision of Kittanning Borough's FY 2008 CDBG Program Year

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried with Mr. Scahill abstaining, citing his Kittanning Hose Company membership as conflict, pending the review of the county solicitor the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-11 Revision of Kittanning Borough's FY 2008 CDBG Program Year. Ms. Johnson stated that the revision is requested to transfer funds that Kittanning Hose Company #4 had designated for the Generator Project, which has been deleted, to the Boiler Replacement Project, as the project needs funding to be completed.

#### Resolution 2011-12 Revision of Kittanning Borough's FY 2009 CDBG Program Year

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-12 Revision of Kittanning Borough's FY 2009 CDBG Program Year. Ms. Johnson stated that the revision would transfer \$50,044.87 of its FY 2009 CDBG Program from the Paving of North Grant Avenue to Market Street to Reynolds Avenue into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Road Reconstruction Project. She explained that the North Grant Avenue project finished under budget and the excess funds were needed to complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward project.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

#### Proclamation 2011-15 Rivers Month Celebration 2011

Mr. Walzak stated that the sojourns began 14 years ago. He encourages everyone to take part in this year's event, citing that last year they had 2,000 boats participate but fell short of beating the record of 2,500 set by the Delaware River celebration for "River of the Year". He described the sojourn and some of the sites and activities that will be enjoyed from May 12th to the 15th, then added that the sojourns will conclude in Templeton. Mr. Walzak also mention that his organization intends to promote awareness of the current situation concerning the pending lock and dam closures which were initiated by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Scahill read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-15 Rivers Month Celebration 2011.

#### Proclamation 2011-16 CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month

The Southwest Pennsylvania Commission has designated this CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month. The Armstrong County Commissioners are members of SPC and Ms. Kirkpatrick is a member of the Executive Committee. Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that one of the committee's projects is to encourage participation in ride sharing. She stated that further details are available at [www.commuteinfo.org](http://www.commuteinfo.org) or by phone at 1-888-819-6110. The CommuteInfo was shown at the meeting and will be available for viewing on the county's website at [www.co.armstrong.pa.us](http://www.co.armstrong.pa.us).

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-16 CommuteInfo Commute Options Awareness Month.

### Proclamation 2011-17 Older Americans Month

Ms. Talerico stated that May is Older Americans Month and that Armstrong County also celebrates May 11<sup>th</sup> as Older Americans Day and Volunteer Recognition Day. The month is filled with activities including a Senior Spelling Bee and Senior Art Exhibit. The public is invited to attend the Art Exhibit at the Area Agency on Aging Office on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Admission is free, and many of the artists will be in attendance.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-17 Older Americans Month.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### Financial Transactions

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the Financial Transactions for April 2011.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Scahill commended the Strongland Chamber of Commerce for their work planning and executing the sojourn. He conveyed a story of his time as a lobbyist and the work that the late Representative Petraca and the Coal Association performed to reclaim the river from industrial pollution.

Mr. Fink stated that he recently attended an event at Ford Cliff Fire Hall on a rainy evening and saw, firsthand, why the roof needed to be replaced. Realizing that Ford Cliff is not the only community fire department in this situation, he encouraged everyone to financially support their local fire companies. He reminded everyone of the job the volunteer fire fighters do and how they depend on our support. Mr. Fink then recalled how members of previous generation helped to shape and form his generation. Having spent time working in the coal mines with Mr. Spy Brochetti, Mr. Fink credited him as someone whom has been a positive influence and a mentor to him and his former coworkers. Mr. Fink stated that he is thankful that the Board is able to honor the seniors of our community.

Ms. Kirkpatrick concurred with her fellow Commissioners on commending Mr. Walzak and all those involved in the River Sojourn. She stated that in the previously published recreation plan, the rivers have been named as one of our areas greatest assets. She expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the citizens that have volunteered in a grass roots effort to keep the locks and dams open.

Mr. Scahill added that the locks and dams were installed for river transportation and must be maintained much like people maintain their vehicles. He added that river maintenance is imperative in avoiding the same obsolescence that was realized by many of the nation's railway systems. Mr. Scahill stated that the rivers are our best option for moving large quantities of supplies and saving congestion and undue wear on our highways.

The Commissioners encouraged everyone to remember to vote on May 17<sup>th</sup>. They stated they are sure there will be a strong turnout by the 16,421 older Americans residing in Armstrong County.

**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 2:15 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 1:30 pm.