

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
May 19, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioner Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Renatta Signorini – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Sally Conklin – Planning Division Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell, Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, David Wolfe - Resident

Commissioner James V. Scahill teleconferenced from Washington, where he is attending a National Association of Counties conference.

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 May 5, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Meal Delivery Service Agreement with Clarion County

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Meal Delivery Service Agreement for Area Agency on Aging between Armstrong County and Clarion County. Ms. Talerico stated that this agreement will adjust the payment to Clarion County to match the rate increase that went into effect in April.

Inter-Agency Agreement with Accessibilities, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Inter-Agency Agreement for Area Aging on Aging between Armstrong County and AccessAbilities, Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a Department of Aging initiative that will decrease the calls and paperwork for seniors to receive services.

Amendment to Department of Aging Cooperative Grant Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Amendment to Department of Aging Cooperative Grant Agreement. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year agreement to extend the Cooperative Grant Agreement. The grant will be extended from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

Amendment to Department of Aging PDA Over 60 Medicaid Waiver Grant Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Amendment to Department of Aging PDA Over 60 Medicaid Waiver Grant Agreement. Ms. Talerico described this amendment as another option for consumers, it will continue the current agreement until June 30, 2012.

Dr. Pepper / Snapple Pricing Proposal

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the pricing proposal between Armstrong County and Dr. Pepper / Snapple. Mr. Montebell explained that the project began last fall and Dr. Pepper / Snapple provided the best pricing strategy. He said this price will be in effect for the next three years. Mr. Montebell stated that the previous costs to the Belmont were 88 cents per pop and 57 cents per water, the new contract costs are 52 cents per pop and 24 cents per water providing significant profit to the Belmont Complex. He also negotiated this pricing for the Amateur League Hockey.

Neopost Lease

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the postage machine lease between Armstrong County and Neopost. Mr. Skamai detailed the cost savings and increased capabilities of the agreement with Neopost. He stated that the first year of the contract the county will save \$1,067.00 per quarter.

Sagamore Ninth Street Water Line Replacement Project with Tim Fouse Excavating

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 Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority, the Commissioners approved the construction contract for the Sagamore Ninth Street Water Line Replacement Project between Armstrong County and Tim Fouse Excavating. Mr. Palilla stated that Mr. Fouse provided the lowest bid at \$99,665.00. He listed the total cost of the project as \$121,000.00.

Advance from ACT 137 Fund to the 2008 PA ACCESS Program

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Advance from ACT 137 Fund to the 2008 PA ACCESS Program. Mr. Palilla explained that this is an advance of \$28,000 from ACT 137 for the 2008 PA ACCESS funds to be reimbursed upon receipt of funding from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

“Hard to Recycle” Day

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the “Hard to Recycle” Day Record of Operations between Armstrong County and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ms. Conklin explained that based on this record the DEP will pay partial reimbursement for the tires that were collected. She described the success of the recent “Hard to Recycle” day and

listed the collection items as: 19.25 tons of tires, 71.5 pounds of pharmaceuticals, 2.3 tons of scrap metal and 16,000 pounds of electronics. She then announced an upcoming Hazardous Household Chemical Collection to be held June 18, 2011 at the Wal-mart Parking Lot from 9am to 11am. She stated that the cost is \$2.00 per gallon.

Pennsylvania Department of Education Grant for ARIN

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Document of Collaboration for the ARIN and the Armstrong County Jail between Armstrong County and the Pennsylvania Department of Education Grant. Mr. Fink explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has offered funding to provide GED certification and tutoring for inmates. He stated that this program gives them training and options for employment upon parole.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Walt Elmquist, BLX, INC., 233 North Park Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201 to an unfilled term to expire September 30, 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Scahill invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day events to be held in Kittanning on Monday, May 30, including a parade at 10:00 AM, a ceremony at the Ampitheater followed by a simple ceremony at the Armstrong County War Wall at Noon. He stated that there will be a dedication of the addendum plaques. Mr. Scahill then explained that the "goatee" he is growing is in honor of Bob Giordano, a gold star father of Michael Girdano. He was a friend and had participated with Mr. Scahill and others on the PA Hero Walk in 2009, and was killed in an automobile accident later that fall. Mr. Scahill will once again participate from June 11 to 25, beginning in Philadelphia and continuing to Kiski Valley and Apollo area.

Mr. Fink discussed areas of concern on the County Government Watch List such as the State Budget, especially proposed House Bill 1485 which will instigate severe funding cuts to Human Services. He identified Mental Health Care, Behavioral Services and Child Services as those areas most vulnerable to funding cuts. He stressed that it will be crucial to work with State Representatives to avoid reductions in state funding for many of the mandated services.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that they anticipate a passed budget by June 30th. She emphasized the importance of grants that the county receives and how services will be affected if they were not available. She and Ms. Talerico detailed the operational changes in how the 12 centers are operated to adjust to funding cuts. Ms. Kirkpatrick closed by recognizing the importance of grant funding for numerous programs that offer critical services to many. She offered the example of the grant and efforts of the ARIN IU to provide GED training to the inmates at the Armstrong County Jail.

Mr. Fink recognized the Senior Art Exhibit that was held on May 18th. Ms. Talerico stated that the weather may have affected the turn out, but praised the talent of all participants. The art is still on display at the Area Agency on Aging offices. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that she has a piece from a previous exhibit that she has proudly displayed on her office wall.

Mr. Palilla recognized Ms. Conklin and the Progressive Workshop for their efforts and hard work to make the "Hard to Recycle" event a success. He stated that they also received assistance from members of the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. He thanked Ms. Miller for providing lunch to all the workers.

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 1:55 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 1:30 pm.