

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

June 20, 2013



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 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, Tim Karan – Leader Times, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carly Cowan – Director, Armstrong County Finance Department, Mary Anne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Randy Brozenick – Director, Armstrong County Public Safety, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Michael Renosky – Chief Assessor, Armstrong County, Michael Stivason – Intern, Armstrong County Commissioners' Office, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Jeanne Englert – Director, Armstrong County Tax Claim, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Nathan Nagy - Public.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the June 6, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2013-9 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Inter-County Regional Radio System (ICORRS) Switch Operation and Maintenance

Mr. Baustert explained that the Resolution that is shared with Westmoreland and Indiana Counties to activate the switch for the new radio system.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-9 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Westmoreland County and Indiana County Joint Inter-County Regional Radio System (ICORRS) Switch.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

City of Parker

Ms. Johnson stated that the City of Parker wishes to continue to utilize the services of the County to administer its FFY 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). She quoted the rate for administrative fees as remaining the same at fifteen percent.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and the City of Parker.

East Franklin Township and West Hills Area Water Pollution Control Authority

Ms. Johnson explained that East Franklin Township has approved a portion of the allocation of its FFY 2012 CDBG and FFY 2013 CDBG funds for a total grant allocation of up to \$87,750.00 for the West Hills Area Water Pollution Control Authority Sanitary Sewage System Project to assist with low to moderate income owner – occupied households in the project area of the Villages of Furnace Run and Walkchalk in East Franklin Township.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement among Armstrong County, East Franklin Township and the West Hills Area Water Pollution Control Authority.

West Kittanning Municipal Authority

Ms. Johnson stated that a portion of the CDBG funds for FFY 2012, FFY 2010, FFY 2009 and Program Income for maximum allocations of \$144,417.46 has been approved for the First Avenue Water Line Replacement Project. She noted that West Kittanning Municipal Authority also committed to contribute \$31,630.00 toward the project.

On a motion by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried with Mr. Bower abstaining, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and West Kittanning Municipal Authority. Mr. Bower explained the reason for his abstention was due to his seat on the Water Authority Board.

Sterling Contracting, LLC Change Order #5

Ms. Johnson explained that the purpose of change order #5 was to replace an existing concrete masonry column, increasing the contract amount by \$3,349.43 to \$1,382,023.16.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #5 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting LLC.

Sterling Contracting, LLC Change Order #7

Ms. Johnson stated that Change Order #7 is needed to add additional steel beams to support the existing mezzanine, increasing the amount by \$4,048.97 to \$1,386,072.13.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #7 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting, LLC

Sterling Contracting, LLC Change Order #6-R

Ms. Johnson explained that Change Order #6-R will add demolition of unforeseen stairs and existing concrete structure by the garage doors that was disclosed after demolition of the front of the Belmont Complex. She stated that the contract amount will increase by \$2,661.18 to \$1,388,733.31.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #6-R between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting, LLC.

McRandal Company, Inc. Change Order #1

Ms. Johnson stated that McRandal is the Plumbing Contractor for the Phase III Belmont Complex renovation. She explained that Change Order #1 will adjust the executed contract amount to the bid and approved contract amount by \$400.00 to \$257,400.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and McRandal Company, Inc.

McRandal Company, Inc. Change Order #2

Ms. Johnson stated that this is a decrease to the contract amount by \$1,325.00 to deduct for PVC jacketing above the ceilings and walls to all service jackets. She quoted the change order will decrease the project cost to \$256,075.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #2 between Armstrong County and McRandal Company, Inc.

D&G Mechanical, Inc. Change Order #1

Ms. Johnson stated that change order #1 will adjust the executed contract amount to the bid and approved contract amount by an additional \$900.00 to \$139,900.00 for the mechanical contract of the Belmont Complex Phase III renovation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and D&G Mechanical, Inc.

Affinity Health Services, Inc.

Ms. Koleny stated that the agreement will conduct an assessment of the Armstrong County Health Center. Mr. Mansour expressed his support of Affinity Health Services for their ability to conduct the assessment and provide valuable input.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Affinity Health Services, Inc.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Mr. Baustert explained that this is a five year contract that provides Armstrong County 911 services to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. He noted that the county will be reimbursed \$500.00 per year for the service.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Change Order #1 Mission Critical Partners, Inc.

Mr. Brozenick stated that Change Order #1 has been requested by Mission Critical Partners, Inc. for an increase of \$26,500.00 to address the remaining tasks and as partial replacement for unanticipated effort related to project success.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Mission Critical Partners, Inc.

2013 Cleaning Contract Mary Ann Honkus

Ms. Cowan described the contract as janitorial services at the office of District Magistrate Samuel Goldstrohm in Rural Valley. She noted that the cost is \$274.99 per month.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Mary Ann Honkus.

Clean and Green Application for the 2014 Tax Year

Mr. Renosky explained that the Department of Agriculture is required to provide new values annually for property that is enrolled in the Clean and Green tax abatement program. Mr. Renosky, that he, as the Chief Assessor, has the option to base taxes for Clean and Green properties on the current values established by the State. He then recommended that Armstrong County apply the values established by the State's Department of Agriculture for the 2014 tax year and to adjust that rate annually based on the figures provided by the same.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners acknowledged and accepted the recommendation of the Armstrong County Chief Assessor, Mr. Renosky, to apply the current values established by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for the 2014 tax year and annually thereafter.

Tyler Technologies

Mr. Renosky stated that this agreement with Tyler Technologies will upgrade the Assessment software at a maximum cost of \$1,700.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Tyler Technologies.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved granting Mr. Renosky authorization to sign the agreement with Tyler Technologies on behalf of the county.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Baustert announced that after six years of planning and hard work the 911 Center switched to the new radio system. He was pleased to announce that it was relatively flawless and seamless.

Mr. Bower recollected the history of the past 30 years and the evolution of the EMS system. He praised Mr. Brozenick and Mr. Baustert on the efforts and accomplishments that came about in the past six years to get to this point.

Mr. Fink also commended everyone for their efforts, calling the switch almost flawless. He described phone calls he received at home from first responders that praised the system and the transfer. Mr. Fink stated he was proud of Mr. Brozenick and Mr. Baustert and is sure they will continue to keep up the good work!

Mr. Battaglia stated he was impressed with the efforts and collaboration he has seen in the 18 months that he has been involved. He credited the outstanding relationships with the first responders and the dedication, passion and commitment to the county.

July 4, 2013 Public Meeting Change

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Battaglia announced that due to the first Thursday in July falling on the Fourth of July Holiday the meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 1:30 pm.

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 1:57 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 1:30 pm.