

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
August 4, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 4, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioner Richard L. Fink, Commissioner James V. Scahill, Kathy Rashlich – Marketing and Administrative Assistant, Armstrong County Commissioners Office, Renatta Signorini – Leader Times, Lindsay Sturgeon – Leader Vindicator, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Amanda Hiles – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller

Ms. Kirkpatrick was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Fink 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 July 21, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Transportation Services Contract Mid-County Transit Authority d/b/a Town and Country

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 Transportation Services Contract between Armstrong County and Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country. Ms. Talerico stated that this is an annual agreement that provides senior citizens with transportation to senior centers, center activities and medical appointments. She added that the rate remains the same as last year. In response to Ms. Signorini's inquiry regarding rates, Ms. Talerico stated that fees are based on mileage.

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 July 2011.

Mr. Fink opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Scahill discussed a recent newspaper article that stated the Army Corps of Engineers has decreed the retaining wall along the Allegheny River in Kittanning as insufficient. He stated that the Department of Environmental Protection has created a catch 22 by not extending the time for the repairs. It is a difficult situation because the Federal and State Government have mandated the repairs but have not offered to assist in funding the project.

Mr. Fink commented that upon reviewing the State Budget, cuts to Human Services were very evident. He will be attending a meeting next week during which that portion of the budget will be closely scrutinized and plans for addressing those cuts will be formulated.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:35 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 1:30 pm.