

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**August 18, 2011**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 18, 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, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Sally Conklin – Recycling & Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Dave Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Jim Kuemmerle – Administrator, Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, Len Meneely – Progressive Workshop Armstrong County.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried, Ms. Kirkpatrick abstained, the minutes for the August 4, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

**AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

**Tower Site Lease with Roland & Amy Mellish**

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 Tower Site Lease between Armstrong County and Roland and Amy Mellish of Sugarcreek Township. Ms. Kirkpatrick read a statement from Mr. Baustert that explained that the site was selected by Motorola engineers as one of the necessary locations to provide 95% portable radio coverage to our Police, Firefighters and EMS crews. The lease is for 99 years and will be paid by one payment of \$25,000.00.

**RFP and Annual Tire Collection Event with Mahantango Enterprises, Incorporated**

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 RFP and Annual Tire Collection Event Contract between Armstrong County and Mahantango Enterprises, Incorporated. Ms. Conklin stated that in order to receive reimbursement from the Department of Environmental Protection for the cost of the Waste Tire Collection portion of "Hard to Recycle" Day, we are required to submit an Application for Registration to the DEP and provide them with a copy of a signed contract with a waste tire transporter. Ms. Conklin listed the cost of tires collected at \$80.00 per ton and an additional \$600.00 freight fee. A DEP grant will cover fifty percent of the costs associated with the tire collection and the user fees will cover the other fifty percent.

### Transfer of Recycling Bin Truck to Fayette 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 Transfer of the Recycling Bin Truck between Armstrong County and Fayette County. Ms. Conklin explained that the Recycling Center is no longer using the compartmentalized bin truck for its recycling programs. She stated that since the truck was partially funded by a DEP Grant we were required to obtain permission from DEP to remove the truck from our recycling program. The DEP has requested that we transfer the truck to Fayette County as they are in need of a truck. Fayette County will assume the costs of title transfers and any maintenance the truck will require.

### Jail Law Library with Westlaw

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 Law Library Contract for the Armstrong County Jail between Armstrong County and Westlaw. Warden Hogue explained that this is a secure computer system that the inmates can use to research laws and that it will cost the county \$210.00 per month. He stated that this is forty percent less than a previous contract that was not secure.

### Phone Contract District Magistrate Andring with Windstream

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 Phone Contract for District Magistrate Andring between Armstrong County and Windstream. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that this is a renewal of the standard contract.

### Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Agreement with Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Transportation 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 Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Agreement for Community Action between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Transportation Program. Mr. Heilman stated that this is medical assistance through the Department of Public Welfare for transportation to medical appointments and facilities.

### USDA Rural Development Pre-application

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 Pre-application between Armstrong County and USDA Rural Development. Ms. Johnson stated that the County will be applying for a grant worth \$100,000.00 to assist in rehabilitating ten to seventeen owner occupied homes. She explained that a match from the Act 137 fund would provide a maximum of \$10,000.00 per home.

### Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Armstrong 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 updated Agreement between Armstrong

County and the Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Armstrong County. Ms. Johnson stated that the county administers the housing's improvement grants. She explained that this is to update the agreement between the county and the nonprofit housing corporation.

#### FFY 2008 PA Access Program Audit with Wessel & Company

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, subject to the review of the county solicitor, and the recommendation of the Non Profit Housing Corporation of Armstrong County, the Commissioners approved the FFY 2008 PA Access Program Audit Contract between Armstrong County and Wessel & Company. Ms. Johnson stated that a condition of the grant requires a program audit; Wessel & Company of Johnstown presented the lowest proposal of \$2,490 and staff negotiated the cost to \$2,000.00 to maintain the budget.

#### Change Order #1 for 2011 County Bridge Maintenance Agreement with Thornbury Incorporated

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 Change Order #1 for 2011 County Bridge Maintenance Agreement between Armstrong County and Thornbury Incorporated. Mr. Alviano stated that the change order is due to a need for an additional 20 tons of bituminous scratch to be used at the Buffalo Bridge. The increased cost is \$5,905.20 and will increase the total agreement price to \$77,926.20 to be paid by the county's Liquid-Fuels account.

#### Fiscal Year 2011- 2012 Cen-Clear Child Services

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 Early Intervention Services and Infants, Toddlers and Families (ITF) Medical Waiver Contract between Armstrong County and Cen-Clear Child Services. Mr. Kuemmerle explained that this is a routine contract that provides services for children for early intervention services.

#### Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Drop – In Center Services Contract

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 Drop – In Center Services Contract between Armstrong County and:

1. Alliance for Non-Profit Resources, Inc., in Armstrong County
2. Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc. in Indiana County

Mr. Kuemmerle stated that these contracts provide each county with non-profit resources.

#### Annual Contracts for the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging

#### PA Department of Agriculture for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

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 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program between Armstrong County and PA Department of Agriculture. Ms. Talerico stated that market

vouchers will be given to eligible seniors over age 60 in Armstrong County to provide fresh locally raised produce.

### Interim Health Care

- a) Home Health Service
- b) Home Support Service
- c) Personal Assistant Service
- d) Personal Care Service

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 contracts between Armstrong County and Interim Health Care. Ms. Talerico stated that this is an annual contract with one of five home health care providers; she added that they have retained the same rates as last year's contract.

- 1. County HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers
  - a) Home Support Service
  - b) Personal Assistant Service
  - c) Personal Care Service

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 contracts between Armstrong County and County HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers. Ms. Talerico explained that this is an additional provider that is available for in home services only.

- 2. Pre-Admission / Protective Service Program Agreements:

#### Physician Consultant Services with Dr. Frederick Doefler

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 Physician Consult Services Contract between Armstrong County and Dr. Frederick Doefler. Ms. Talerico stated that this is an annual contract that is used on an as needed basis.

#### Psychological Evaluation with Dr. Judy Rein

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 Psychological Evaluation Contract between Armstrong County and Dr. Judy Rein. Ms. Talerico stated that this is also an annual contract that is used on an as needed basis

#### Legal Services (Conflicts) with James Favero, Attorney at Law

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 Legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Attorney James Favero. Ms. Talerico stated that this contract is

necessary in case there is a conflict of interest in a client working with Attorney Preston Younkens.

Nursing Home Placement (Emergency) with Armstrong County Health Center

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 Nursing Home Placement Contract between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Health Center. Ms. Talerico described the contract as an as needed basis when they need emergency placement in a nursing home setting.

Boarding Home Emergency Placement Agreement with Geidel's Personal Care

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 Boarding Home Emergency Placement Agreement between Armstrong County and Geidel's Personal Care. Ms. Talerico stated that this contract is also for emergency placement, but for when a personal care setting is needed.

3. Senior Center Lease Agreements:

Ford City Senior Center

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 Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and Donald P. McCarthy Jr. Ms. Talerico stated that this is for the portion of the Ford City Senior Center located at 412 Ninth Street, Ford City.

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 Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and PRR Holdings Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this is for the portion of the Ford City Senior Center located at 419 Ninth Street, Ford City. She explained that they are actually two buildings that are connected.

Parker Senior Center

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 Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and the Parker Community Building. Ms. Talerico explained that this is a two year renewal at the same rate that offers a thirty day opt out.

The Commissioners commended Ms. Talerico on attaining the above leases at the same rate. They noted that with the cuts in the State Budget, she does a tremendous job at maintaining costs.

**OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Scahill recapped the highlights of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) conference that the Commissioners attended at the beginning of the week. He stated that this was the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the association; he then described how the counties came together to form CCAP. He said that every county is required to participate with the exception of Philadelphia. In spite of struggling with a fever for part of the time during the conference he enjoyed himself overall. Mr. Scahill states he believes there is a lot of knowledge gained through side conversations and hallway chats.

Mr. Fink described a groundbreaking that the Commissioners attended for an expansion of a Northpointe business. He stressed that, contrary to what most people believe, the Commissioners do not create jobs but rather they create the atmosphere that attracts and promotes jobs. He also credits the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Abatement (LERTA) program for assisting in expansion. Mr. Fink stated that, while at the previously mentioned CCAP conference, he attended numerous sessions on the State Budget cuts and how they will affect human services. He said that although it is still unclear as to the final outcome of the state budget cuts, he is pleased to announce that as the current state budget reads, the county will be eligible for reimbursement for some of the costs at the Armstrong County Jail.

Ms. Kirkpatrick was pleased to announce that the Institute of Politics will be hosting an event with Traffic 21, a Carnegie Mellon initiative. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that she is a co-chair on the Infrastructure Policy Committee and described some of the speakers and items that the evening will cover. The event will continue on Friday with several deeply involved transportation officials and many other national organizations to discuss Intelligent Transportation Systems (I.T.S.) and the incubation of small businesses. She believes that Northpointe is a good fit for these technologies.

### **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 2:16 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 1:30 pm.