

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
August 19, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer- Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Chad Puz – Family Life TV, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Dave Hogue, Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Jim Kuemmerle, Administrator / Executive Director, Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI, Amanda Hiles – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Beth Costanzo – Director of Nursing, Armstrong County Health Center

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried, the minutes for the July 15, 2010 Public Meeting were approved. Mr. Scahill abstained.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried, the minutes for the August 5, 2010 Public Meeting were approved. Mr. Fink abstained

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

United Food & Commercial Workers International Union (WFCW) Local 23

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union (WFCW) Local 23 agreement on behalf of Armstrong County Health Center. Ms. Costanzo described this as a labor management contract between seven registered nurses and the facility.

C.L.E.A.N. Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the C.L.E.A.N. agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. Hogue stated that the agreement is on behalf of the Armstrong County Jail and will grant them access to run background checks on all inmates.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Non-Emergency Transportation with Byers Taxi

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010–2011 Non-Emergency Transportation agreement with Byers

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Taxi. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that this is a new contract that addresses a particular situation faced by one of their consumers.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Providers Contract in the Office of Child Development and Early Learning's (OCDEL) Infants, Toddlers, and Families (ITF) Medicaid Waiver Program with:

- a) AccessAbilities, Inc.
- b) Audiological and Speech Associates
- c) Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc.
- d) Community Care Connections, Inc.
- e) Developmental Therapy Associates
- f) Integrated Care Corporation
- g) Lifesteps, Inc.
- h) Neurological Therapy Specialists, Inc.
- i) Next Step Therapy, Inc.
- j) Pediatric Therapy Professionals, Inc.
- k) Rehab Care Group East, Inc.
- l) Therapy Connections

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Providers Contract in the Office of Child Development and Early Learning's (OCDEL) Infants, Toddlers, and Families (ITF) Medicaid Waiver Program with the above listed vendors. Mr. Kuemmerle described the providers as specialized services in the Early Intervention Program. He noted that these are standard annual contracts that were delayed due to the state budget.

Sub-Lease for Space at Armstrong County CareerLink with Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the sub-lease for space at the Armstrong County CareerLink with Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Ms. Talerico explained that this contract provides their older worker employment program office space at the CareerLink.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Sponsor Agreement with Service America, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Sponsor Agreement for Senior Community Service Employment Program between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this is an annual agreement that will provide funding for 20 positions of senior enrollees. She estimates that they will be able to provide services to 30 people with the funds.

Senior Service America, Inc.

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On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement modification for consolidated appropriations Senior Community Service Employment Program between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc. Ms. Talerico explained that the modification increased the funding. She stated that they were awarded the increase based on their performance.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Contract with Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit for Transportation Services

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010–2011 contract with Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit for transportation services. Ms. Talerico stated that the Area Agency on Aging provides funding for medical transportation and transportation to the senior centers.

Contract Amendment with Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit for Transportation Services

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the contract amendment with Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit for transportation services. Ms. Talerico described that this is a slight increase in fares effective from August 2010 until June 2011.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Contracts with Alma Health LLC d/b/a MedStaffers

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

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010–2011 contracts with Alma Health LLC d/b/a MedStaffers for the above listed services. Ms. Talerico stated that this is another choice of providers for their consumers.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Contracts with Helpmates, Inc.

- 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 recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010–2011 contracts with Helpmates, Inc. for the above listed services. Ms. Talerico described this as an annual renewal of a previous provider.

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Ms. Talerico clarified that there are five choices in total and that consumers may select the vendor of their choice.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Digital Inclusion Initiative Project Coordinator Service

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010–2011 Digital Inclusion Initiative Project Coordinator Service. Ms. Talerico stated that the program is funded by a competitive grant and offers computer training to area seniors through programs available through Community Action Agency.

Senior Center Lease Agreements for:

- a) Apollo Hose Company #3.
- b) Worthington-West Franklin Joint Parks and Recreation Authority
- c) Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the senior center lease agreement with Apollo Hose Company #3. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a year-long contract.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the senior center lease agreement with Worthington–West Franklin Joint Parks and Recreation Authority. Ms. Talerico stated this is a year-long contract.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of the county solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the senior center lease agreement with Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a month to month agreement until the Leechburg VFW has been renovated and reopened.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Housing Authority Board Appointment

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Housing Authority Board Appointment of Attorney Tyler Heller, 423 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to fill an unexpired term to end February 1, 2014.

PROCLAMATION

Americans with Disabilities Act Day Proclamation 2010-17

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the Americans with Disabilities Act Day Proclamation that was adopted August 12, 2010.

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OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Fink spoke of Senator Casey's recent visit and his attention to the Free Trade issues and their effect on small communities. Mr. Fink expressed his wishes for long awaited success to return jobs to the area. He announced the ARM-Tech Showcase will be open to the public tonight at 5:30, he invited everyone to participate in this opportunity to showcase Armstrong County.

Mr. Scahill introduced Beth Costanzo and recognized the excellent job she performs as the Director of Nursing at the Health Center. He then honored the late Congressman Murtha and praised his support of ARM-Tech. Mr. Scahill then described the Kittanning Post Office's recent renovations and his disappointment that they did not improve the building to meet the accessibility needs of the disabled residents.

Ms. Kirkpatrick praised Ms. Talerico for the efforts of the entire Area Agency on Aging and the job they do to train older workers. She recognized the place older workers hold in the work force and the knowledge and experience they bring. She encourages others to look into the program when looking to meet staffing needs. Ms. Kirkpatrick paid tribute to Martha Lewis; she started as a Title V worker and became an employee and integral part of the county staff / family. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that Martha passed away August 12, 2010 and that she is remembered fondly for her time with us and the difference she made in our lives.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 1:55 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 1:30 PM.

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