

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
September 1, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 1, 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, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Denise Brumbaugh – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Domestic Relations, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Carrie Bence – Deputy Director, Armstrong – Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission.

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 August 18, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Tower Site Lease with Gary Rupert

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 Gary Rupert. Mr. Baustert 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.

Change Order #1 Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company generator Replacement with Town and Country Generator

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Change Order #1 for the Ford Cliff Volunteer Fire Company Generator Replacement between Armstrong County and Town and Country Generators. Ms. Johnson stated that the cost increase of \$3,000.00 is to purchase an increased size of the generator from a 37 KW to a 45 KW to meet the building's electrical requirement.

Resignation of Solicitor and Hearing Officer Agreement for DRS of Attorney Joseph Caruso

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 resignation of Attorney Joe Caruso as the Solicitor and Hearing Officer for Armstrong County Domestic Relations.

Solicitor and Hearing Officer Agreement for DRS with James R. Favero

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved to accept the appointment of James A. Favero as Solicitor and Hearing Officer for Domestic Relations.

Private Attorney Agreement for DRS with Brad K. Hellein

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 Private Attorney Agreement for Domestic Relations between Armstrong County and Brad K. Hellein.

Practical Nursing Program with Lenape Area Vocational Technical School

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 Practical Nursing Program Agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and Lenape Area Vocational Technical School. Mr. Mansour stated that the Health Center has been involved as a training site for Lenape for the last five years and would like to continue.

Hospice Care Program with VNA

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 Hospice Care Program Agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and VNA. Mr. Mansour explained that this agreement would provide residents of the Health Center with a third choice for hospice care.

Facility Sprinkler System at ACHC with Senate Engineering

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Facility Sprinkler System Proposal at the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and Senate Engineering. Mr. Mansour stated that the sprinkler system is a state requirement as per the Life Safety guidelines that must be completed by August, 2013.

2011-12 Unified Planning Work Program Agreement with Southwestern PA Corporation

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 2011-12 Unified Planning Work Program Agreement between Armstrong County and Southwestern PA Corporation. Mr. Palilla described this as an annual contract that provides \$13,086.00 to offset the staff costs that are incurred for administration expenses. He confirmed that the amount is the same as last year and that it does require a county match of \$3,272.00.

Area Agency on Aging Contracts with Concordia Visiting Nurses

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 Intensive In-Home Services, Home Support Service, Personal Assistance Service and Personal Care Service Agreements between Armstrong County and Concordia Visiting Nurses. Ms. Talerico stated that this is one of five service providers for consumers to select from and that the rates have remained the same as last year.

Area Agency on Aging Home Emergency Placement Agreement with Melody Manor

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 Emergency Placement Agreement between Armstrong County and Melody Manor. Ms. Talerico explained that this is an as needed agreement for temporary placement in situations where the consumer cannot stay in their current environment. She stated that Melody Manor is one of two choices.

Area Agency on Aging Senior Center Lease with Shannock Valley Recreation Authority

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 Shannock Valley Recreation Authority. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a two year agreement for the Rural Valley Area Senior Center with the standard thirty day opt out option.

Area Agency on Aging Senior Center Lease with Worthington – West Franklin Joint Parks and Recreation Authority

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 Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and Worthington – West Franklin Joint Parks and Recreation Authority. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a three year lease for the Worthington area, it also includes the thirty day opt out option.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-15 The Modification of the County of Armstrong's FFY 2007 / 2008 / 2009 / 2010 CDBG Funds and 2009 CDBG-R Funds into the FFY 2009 CDBG – FCBMSDA – Fifth & Sixth Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-15 The Modification of the County of Armstrong's FFY 2007 / 2008 / 2009 / 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and 2009 CDBG – R Funds into the FFY 2009 CDBG – Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposable Authority – Fifth & Sixth Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Project. Ms. Johnson stated that the county had allocated \$88,800.00 of funds to the project but due to the increased cost of the lateral connections, more funding is needed. An additional \$145,806.00 from other CDBG projects that came in under budget is available. Ms. Johnson stated that this resolution will increase the amount available to assist owner occupied low

to moderate income homes with the lateral connection fees. This resolution will rescind the revision resolution dated January 20, 2011 as it related to FFY 2010 CDBG funds.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2011-20 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Week

Ms. Bence stated that September 4th to the 11th, 2011 is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. She said that table tents and flyers have been distributed across the state at bars and restaurants.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-20 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Week.

Proclamation 2011-21 September 11th Remembrance

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-21 September 11th Remembrance.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the Financial Transactions for August 2011.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Fink described the uncertainties that the state budget presents to the county and human services. On a positive note he stated that the county will be saving money on medical expenses at the jail, due to new legislative rulings Medicaid / Medi-care reimbursements are eligible for inmates' medical care.

Mr. Scahill expressed his thoughts on the past ten years since the attacks of September 11th. He drew similarities to the attack America withstood on Pearl Harbor during World War II and hoped that society would remember and respect the sacrifices that have been made.

Ms. Kirkpatrick described her personal connection with September 11th; it is her birthday and how as the youngest of ten children, it was a special day, and then how the day holds many different feelings. She stated that she still feels strong emotions to this day, and remembers that she was at a state conference when the news broke and the feeling of fear that was felt throughout the room. Ms. Kirkpatrick detailed the positive changes that resulted in America as people came together and stated she wants to be an instrument of positive change.

Members of the press, Mr. Fryer and Mr. Weaver requested clarification on the sprinkler system at the Health Center. Mr. Fryer inquired about the Stop and Remember events in Armstrong County and Mr. Weaver questioned the lease terms of the radio tower.

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 2:05 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 1:30 pm. **Please note this is a week later than normally scheduled**