

## COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

September 5, 2013



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Donna Oberlander – Representative 63<sup>rd</sup> District, Brad Pedersen – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Tammie Gaff – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Tammy Calderone – Armstrong Indiana Behavioral Developmental Health Program, Carrie Bence – Drug and Alcohol Commission, Mike Krafick – Drug and Alcohol Commission, Marc Mantini – Mayor, Ford City Borough, Regina Lierman – Taxpayer, First Responder Attendees: Jim Feeney – Applewold Fire Department, Mark Feeney – East Franklin Township Fire Department, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Tricia Bramlet – Dispatcher, Armstrong County 911, Gene Ruffner – Washington Township, William Evans – East Franklin Township Police Department, Dana Vranich – Dayton Volunteer Fire Department, Sara Reesman – Secretary & Treasurer, Armstrong County Firemen's Association, Frankie Shumaker – Deputy, Armstrong County Sheriff Department, Douglas Ciuca – Parks Township Police Department, Scott Kline – Hose Company #6 Kittanning, Earl "Buzz" Kline – Hose Company #4 Kittanning, Bill Rupert – Rural Valley Fire Department, Bill Hamilton – Armstrong County Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services, Randy Thomas – Citizens Ambulance, Chris Shultz – Citizens Ambulance, Larry Martin – Hose Company #6 Kittanning, EMS.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the minutes for the August 15, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **Proclamation 2013-20 Emergency First Responders Appreciation Day**

Mr. Baustert described the efforts that he and Michael Stivason, an intern in the Commissioners' office put forth to organize the recognition and orchestration of First Responders Appreciation Day. Mr. Bower read the list of First Responders in attendance and expressed his admiration for the work that they perform.

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2013-20 Emergency First Responders Appreciation Day.

Mr. Fink recalled the assistance that his family received in times of need and expressed his personal appreciation for their efforts noting that they are most often volunteers.

Mr. Battaglia added that he appreciates the fact that the First Responders are not only available but continue to provide their services regardless of the circumstances.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners recessed the meeting for ten minutes to have photographs of the First Responders taken in front of the Courthouse.

#### Proclamation 2013-21 Recovery Month

Mr. Krafick spoke on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Commission and The Advocacy Group (TAG) regarding the upcoming events for the month of September in recognition of Recovery Month. He stated the purpose is to bring awareness to the success of recovery and to show support for the participants of the program.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2013- 21 Recovery Month.

#### Proclamation 2013-22 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Ms. Bence requested the Commissioners adopt September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> of 2013 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Week in order to bring awareness to the residents of the county.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2013-22 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### Resolution 2013- 17 Irrevocable Trust Agreement

Ms. Gaff explained that this is an annual requirement between the County and First Commonwealth Trust, for the retirement fund, confirming the three authorized signatures of the Commissioners.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2013-17 Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

### **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

#### Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation

Mr. Palilla requested approval for planning assistance under the 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program. He stated that the agreement will provide the County with \$13,086.00 in pass through planning funds. He noted that the amount is the same as last year. Ms. Lierman requested clarification of the use of the money. Mr. Palilla responded that these funds are used for transportation planning and programs, working with SPC and Penn DOT. Mr. Battaglia announced that the SPC meetings are open to the public.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation.

Change Order #1 Mortimer's Excavation

Ms. Johnson explained that Change Order #1 Mortimer's Excavation is requested to increase the contract amount by \$500 from \$958,689.80 to \$959,189.80 for the addition of two anodes to the steel casing pipe between two separate manholes of the Villages of Furnace Run and Walkchalk Tap Connection Fee Project.

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 Mortimer's Excavation.

Change Order #1 R.A. Monzo Construction Company Incorporated

Ms. Johnson requested Change Order #1 R.A. Monzo Construction Company Incorporated to decrease the contract amount by \$350.00 from \$3,179,675.06 to \$3,179,325.06 because of a substitution of precast concrete bases for a cast in place base for lamp holes of the Villages of Furnace Run and Walkchalk Tap Connection Fee Project.

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 Monzo Construction Company, Incorporated.

Nutrition Incorporated

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a continuation of the previous agreement to provide meals for the Senior Centers. She noted that it is being renewed at the same rate.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Nutrition Incorporated.

Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit

Ms. Talerico explained that this is an annual renewal of the current agreement to provide transportation to the Senior Centers at a rate that is partially funded by the County.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit.

Pre-Admission / Protective Service Agreements

Ms. Talerico stated that these providers are used only as needed and are renewed annually. She explained that they are emergency placement and protective services for Senior Citizens. Ms. Lierman requested clarification of the programs and how they affect the County Budget. Ms. Talerico affirmed that there are state funds available to provide emergency services. Mr. Fink concurred that the programs are to protect Senior Citizens that do not have the ability to speak for themselves.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the Pre-Admission / Protective Service Agreements between Armstrong County and the following:

- Psychological Evaluation Agreement with Dr. Judy Rein
- Nursing Home Placement (Emergency) with Armstrong County Health Center
- Boarding Home Emergency Placement with Our Family's Home

#### Kaleidoscope Family Solutions

Ms. Calderone requested the contract with Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, a community rehabilitation service for Armstrong and Indiana Counties be approved. She stated that the cost of the contract is \$5,998.00 annually with a county voucher of \$599.00 to be shared 50/50 between Armstrong and Indiana Counties. She noted that the solicitor has reviewed the agreement and the Indiana County Commissioners have already approved it. Ms. Lierman requested clarification of the program and the participants. Ms. Calderone stated it was to assist those with Intellectual Disabilities and to provide a choice of providers for the services they require.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Kaleidoscope Family Solutions.

#### Cowanshannock Creek Watershed Association

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the Memorandum of Understanding between Armstrong County and the Cowanshannock Creek Watershed Association.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### Carmen Johnson County Grant Administrator

Ms. Johnson explained that at a recent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) training they were instructed to appoint a point of contact for each county for the CDBG funding. She noted this has been in her job description and would like it to continue.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Ms. Carmen Johnson as the Community Development Block Grant County Grant Administrator.

#### Acknowledge Financial Transactions for August 2013

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for August, 2013.

Ms. Lierman asked that the Commissioners clarify a few points of the meeting. She first asked about the fact that they tabled the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cowanshannock Creek Watershed Association. The Board explained that a weekly worksession is a public meeting that addresses issues that are facing deadlines before the next Public Meeting. They affirmed that anything approved at worksession is acknowledged at the Public Meeting.

Mr. Baustert, on behalf of the Central Region radio grant, expressed his appreciation to the current Board of Commissioners, the previous Board, Rich Palilla and the Planning and Development Department for coming together to provide the top of the line radio system to address everyone's safety. He stated that they will be operating with two radio systems for a short time that may cause a delay in communications. He noted that a letter will be sent out to the involved parties addressing the issue.

Mr. Battaglia announced that the Farm Bureau and the Farmland Preservation Bureau have been invited to the next Public Meeting to discuss recent changes regarding the Clean and Green Program. Mr. Fink and Mr. Bower requested clarification from Mr. Battaglia, concerning the intent of the invitation, and were assured that he encouraged their attendance for discussion purposes only. The Board also noted that due to a conference on Thursday the meeting will be changed to Wednesday, September 18, and the time has been changed from 1:30 pm to 11:00 am.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:15 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 11:00 am.