

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
October 6, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, October 6, 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, Amanda Hiles – Deputy, Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Roy Carney – Director, Armstrong County Public Works, Wendy Buzard – Director of Elections and Chief Registrar, Armstrong County, Mike Renosky – Director, Armstrong County Assessment, Don Pepler – Financial and Special Projects Manager, Armstrong County, JoEllen Bowman – Executive Director, Armstrong County HAVIN.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried, Mr. Scahill abstained, the minutes for the September 22, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

POLLING PLACE CHANGE

Approval by the Board of Elections to Change Polling Location

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried, Mr. Fink abstained, based on the recommendation of Ms. Buzard, the Commissioners approved the change of the East Franklin Township East / West from the East Franklin Township Fire Hall, 165 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA to the Harvest Community Church Activities Room, 143 Reed Road, Kittanning, PA. Ms. Buzard stated that the change has been requested for numerous issues, primarily more space for the large number of voters.

BID OPENING

Schenley Election House

Mr. Carney stated that no bids were received.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Tyler Technologies Software Upgrade

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 Software Upgrade Agreement between Armstrong County and Tyler Technologies. Mr. Renosky explained that this is an upgrade of the software that is essential for completion of work. He stated that the cost is \$5,280.00.

Water Withdrawal with Exco Gas

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 Water Withdrawal Agreement between Armstrong County and Exco Gas. Mr. Pepler stated that this lease is similar to a previously signed water extraction contract. He explained that this is in conjunction with a pipeline right of way.

Century Link

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the contract between Armstrong County and Century Link. Mr. Baustert explained that this contract will ensure that emergency calls made by Armstrong County Residents in the northern sections of the county will be properly forwarded to Armstrong County and not to the Butler County 911 center. He stated that there is a onetime fee of \$90.00 and a monthly fee of \$150.00.

Apollo Borough Business and Technology Park Access Road Project to Olsen and Associates LLC

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, subject to the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Engineering Design / Inspection Service Contract for the Apollo borough Business and Technology Park Access Road Project between Armstrong County and Olsen and Associates LLC. Ms. Johnson stated that the County acting on the behalf of Apollo Borough received two Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) totaling \$388,000.00. She quoted \$49,848.00 as expenditures in conjunction with the remediation project; adding that the balance of the funds (\$338,152) will be used to construct an access road into its Business and Technology Park. Ms. Johnson explained that the agreement with Olsen and Associates, LLC is for engineering, design and inspection services.

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Sub-Lease

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 Sub-Lease for Armstrong County CareerLink between Armstrong County and Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this sub-lease will provide space for use by Area Agency on Aging at the CareerLink site.

2011 – 2012 Pre-Admission / Protective Service Program Agreements with Sandra Gray, RN

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 2011 – 2012 Pre-Admission / Protective Service Program Agreements between Armstrong County and Registered Nurse Consultant Agreement with Sandra Gray, RN. Ms. Talerico explained that this is for consulting purposes and will only be used on an as needed basis.

2011 – 2012 Pre-Admission / Protective Service Program Agreements 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 2011 – 2012 Pre-Admission / Protective Service Program Agreements between Armstrong County and Registered Nurse Consultant Agreement with Legal Services (Emergency Intervention) Services with James Favero, Attorney at Law. Ms. Talerico explained that this contract will provide access to legal assistance through Mr. Favero on an as needed basis.

Fiscal Year 2011- 2012 Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Services with Nutrition Inc.

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 Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Services Agreement between Armstrong County and Nutrition Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year extension on a previous contract that provides home delivery and meals to the senior centers. She noted that due to the rising costs in food, this year's contract reflects a three percent increase.

Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Interagency Agreement for the LINK to Aging and Disability Resources (ADRC) 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 Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Interagency Agreement for the LINK to Aging and Disability Resources between Armstrong County and AccessAbilities, Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this program facilitates fees and access of available services for determining each client's needs.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tri-County WIB

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Mr. John Welch, Executive Vice President, Stimulus Technologies, 1956 State Route 66, Ford City, PA 16226, Ms. Stephanie Deal, Director of HR & Administration, Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Box 329, Parker, PA 16049, Mr. Ken Heilman, Executive Director, Armstrong County Community Action Agency, 705 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to three year terms that will expire September 30, 2014.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2011-24 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Ms. Bowman expressed her appreciation to the Board of Commissioners and members of the community for their continued support of HAVIN and the programs that they offer. She stated that this year the focus for the month will be child abuse and the connection between children raised in a home with abuse and the continued abuse they administer / endure in adult relationships. HAVIN hopes that by focusing on victims at a young age they can turn the dynamics around. October 24, 2011 will be Community Awareness Day; Ms. Bowman will be the coordinator this year and announced that the week will be filled with activities throughout the community.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-24 proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Kirkpatrick spoke of her experiences while working with HAVIN. She expressed admiration for the staff's ability to work with a full shelter while dealing with limitations of budget and space. She stressed that the support the staff provides is priceless and not limited to basic needs but to a client's overall well being. Ms. Kirkpatrick reminded everyone that there are several ways to assist HAVIN; they are always in need of volunteers, donations of items used in the shelter and monetary donations.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Election Announcements

Ms. Buzard announced that the last day to register to vote will be October 11, 2011. This includes any changes to a person's registration such as address or party affiliation. She stated that Absentee Ballots are available and must be applied for by November 1, 2011. Ballots must be returned no later than November 4, 2011. Ms. Buzard reminded everyone that the forms are available on the website. The Board of Commissioners reminded everyone that the Courthouse is closed on Monday, October 10, 2011 for Columbus Day.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Fink described the road improvement project that was recently completed in Mahoning Township that was funded by Liquid Fuels. He then described how important the work of HAVIN is to the community and to the victims that they serve. He commended HAVIN and stated his commitment to the program. Mr. Fink closed by asking everyone to keep the three members of the community who have been involved in a plane crash and are missing in their prayers.

Mr. Scahill described how the National Association of Counties (NACo) has assisted in the search and updates for the missing plane and the passengers it contained. He then explained that he was not at the last meeting due to his attendance at a conference for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) National Association Event in Minnesota. He stated that his fellow members are astounded at the availability of AED's throughout our county. Mr. Scahill then closed by discussing the Governor's recent announcements regarding Marcellus Shale. He stated that he is proud of the counties who participated and voiced their opinions on the distribution of fees. Mr. Scahill felt that the proposed 75 percent of money collected that the Governor will distribute to the counties where extraction takes place is a fair amount.

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, October 20, 2011 at 1:30 pm.