

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
October 7, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, October 7, 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, Nate Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Ron Baustert, Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Sally Conklin, Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Miranda Shoemaker – Director, Armstrong County Tourist Bureau, Laurie Johns – HAVIN, Jim Kuemmerle, Administrator, Armstrong – Indiana MH / MR / EI, Larry Martin – Hose Company #6 Ambulance, Rob Shick – Hose Company #6 Ambulance, Carl Bromley – Local 4 All

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 September 22, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Change Order #1 for the Recycling Center Painting Contract with Shaffer Painting

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged Change Order #1 for the Recycling Center Painting Contract with Shaffer Painting. Ms. Conklin stated that the change order is necessary to approve the requested change from flat finish paint to a semi-gloss finish. Shaffer painting recommended the change in finish to preserve the paint and to prevent dirt from adhering to the finish. The increase of the change order is \$100.00.

Language Change for the Recycling Center Painting Contract with Shaffer Painting

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Language Change for the Recycling Center Painting Contract with Shaffer Painting. Ms. Conklin explained that the contract language was changed due to the size of the project; it is smaller than most.

911 Recording System Agreement with SBM Electronics

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement for the 911 Recording System between Armstrong County and SBM Electronics. Mr. Baustert stated that this is the annual contract for the voice logger that was installed last year by SBM.

Armstrong County's FY 2009 CDBG Program and the Fifth and Sixth Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Project with Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor, and the approval of Ford City Borough, the Commissioners approved the cooperation agreement for the County's FY 2009 CDBG Program and the Fifth and Sixth Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Project between Armstrong County and Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Disposal Authority. Ms. Johnson explained that this is the standard co-op agreement necessary to fund the connection of the low to moderate income owner occupied households on fifth and sixth Avenue in Ford City to the new sewage system. Ms. Johnson stated that \$88,800.00 of the FY 2009 CDBG funds was allocated for the lateral connections; the actual construction will be funded by from Ford City Borough.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tourist Bureau Advisory Committee Appointment

Ms. Shoemaker stated that since Mr. Fink has served as the Commissioner liaison to the Tourist Bureau they feel that he will be a great asset serving as a member on the board.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried, with Mr. Fink abstaining, the Commissioners approved the appointment to the Tourist Bureau Advisory Committee for Mr. Richard Fink, 450 East Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to fulfill a term that will expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Fink stated that it is an honor to both serve on the board and to have a vote at the meetings.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2010-19 Supporting House Bill 2026

Ms. Johns described the programs that HAVIN offers in support of House Bill 2026 to provide educational tools to prevent domestic violence and abuse. They currently sponsor the "Yellow Dress" program to bring attention to teen dating violence / abuse. The bill is supported by Dr. Gary Cuccia and his wife Joanna in memory of their daughter Demi, a victim of teen dating violence.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-19 supporting House Bill 2026.

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation 2010-22

Ms. Johns expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for their support.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation 2010-22.

Mental Illness Awareness Week October 3rd – 9th 2010 Proclamation 2010-23

Mr. Kuemmerle explained that the support of the Commissioners is so important to help understand the symptoms and dispel the myths of mental illness.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the Mental Illness Awareness Week October 3rd – 9th 2010 Proclamation 2010-23.

Kittanning Hose Company No. 6 Ambulance Service 50th Anniversary Proclamation 2010-24

Mr. Martin and Mr. Shick gave a brief history of the ambulance service from their beginnings to the current status. They will be hosting a celebration on October 30, 2010 to honor all employees and volunteers, past and present and citizens who have helped in various ways throughout the years.

Mr. Scahill read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the Kittanning Hose Company No. 6 Ambulance Service 50th Anniversary Proclamation 2010-24.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners acknowledged the financial transactions for September 2010.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments and questions.

The Board of Commissioners recognized Mr. Skamai and his former employer Thorpe, Reed and Armstrong, LLP for the furniture that was donated to the County for use in the conference room and various other departments.

Mr. Fink recognized the success of Hose Company No. 6 Ambulance Service. He praised their excellent work and reliability. He also described the Voter Hall of Fame recognition ceremony that was held on September 30, 2010. Mr. Fink appreciated the dedication of the voters and admired their perfect voting records of 50 years or more.

Mr. Scahill concurred with Mr. Fink's remarks, commending the honorees from Voter's Hall of Fame ceremony. He likened the reaction of the awardees acceptances to that of those receiving an academy award. He also recognized October as Cancer Awareness and AED Awareness month for the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. Mr. Scahill has been a member since his cardiac episode 11 years ago. He recognized Ms. Shoemaker as the newest director of the Tourist Bureau and her efforts in bringing fireworks back to Kittanning's Light Up Night. Mr. Scahill closed his remarks by describing his experiences while working with Hose Company No 6 Ambulance Service. He stated that he is proud of how they have developed and that he is grateful for the services that they provide.

Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed her gratitude to Mr. Kuemmerle and his staff for the work that they do to heighten community awareness of, and provide assistance to, those afflicted with mental illness. She also recognized the members of Hose Company No. 6 for their service, accomplishments and growth over the past 50 years. Ms. Kirkpatrick closed her remarks by commenting on the reassessment litigation faced by Clarion County. She detailed the state's report of July 2010 regarding reassessment and the proposed legislative changes that would affect it. Ms. Kirkpatrick recommended logging onto bfc.legis.state.pa.us to review and learn more about the proposed changes and how they could potentially affect Pennsylvania.

Mr. Carl Bromley announced that the Power of 32 will be holding a Community Conversation event on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. It will be held at the IUP Northpointe Campus and the public is encouraged to attend. Jim Kuemmerle, Director of Armstrong/Indiana MH/MR will be facilitating the event. Mr. Bromely suggested that those seeking additional information log onto powerof32.org.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:10 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 1:30 PM.