

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
November 7, 2013**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Brad Pedersen – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Rich Palilla – Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Jeanne Englert – Director, Armstrong County Tax Revenue, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Dennis Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Lynn Kovar – Paralegal, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Carol Pontious – Resource Family Coordinator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Regina Liermann - Taxpayer.

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 October 17, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

2013-28 Adoption Awareness Month

Mr. Demangone announced a special adoption event that will be held November 16, at the Belmont Complex. He introduced Ms. Kovar to elaborate on the details and what events are planned on that day.

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 2013-28 Adoption Awareness Month. Mr. Bower commended the group on how well last year's event was designed.

BID OPENING

Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Services Bid

Ms. Talerico described this contract as covering both congregate meals, which are served in the senior centers, and home delivery meals.

Ms. Miller read aloud the bids for meals from Nutrition Inc. for the following packages:

Congregate Meals \$4.55

Special Congregate Meals \$6.95

Frozen Meals \$4.55

Emergency Shelf Meals \$3.53

1 Hot / 1 Frozen \$12.30 including delivery

1 Hot / 2 Frozen \$18.45 including delivery

1 Hot / 4 Frozen \$30.75 including delivery

2 Frozen Weekend \$12.30 including delivery

7 Frozen \$43.05 including delivery

Ms. Talerico requested that the bids be tabled for review.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners tabled the Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Services Bid for review and tabulation. Ms. Liermann inquired if this was a new company. Ms. Talerico confirmed that Nutrition, Inc. is the current company under contract but noted that they are required periodically to open the contract and advertise for bids to remain competitive.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2013-22 Revised 9-1-1 Telephone Access Plan

Mr. Baustert stated that every three years the county is required to have the telephone service reconsidered by PEMA to determine the eligible 911 fee within your monthly bill.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2013-22 Revised 9-1-1 Telephone Access Plan.

Resolution 2013-23 Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program Grant

Ms. Johnson requested approval of the County's 2013 Pennsylvania Accessible Housing grant contract with the Department of Community and Economic Development in the total amount of \$100,000.00, with \$90,000.00 in Liquid Fuels Funds and \$10,000.00 in Non Profit Housing Funds, in the form of an authorizing resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, as reviewed by the solicitor, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2013-23 Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program Grant.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Approved Values Clean and Green

Ms. Englert explained that on October 8, at a public Work Session the Commissioners voted on the values to be used for the 2014 Clean and Green Program. Ms. Liermann questioned what this involves. It was described that in June it was acknowledged that the Chief Assessor would use the 2014 rates which lead to several meetings and discussions. Mr. Battaglia stated that at the September 18th discussion he recommended that the rates would not be raised until next year when it has been determined that all participants are in compliance. He recounted that at the October 8, meeting the rest of the Board voted to use the 2007 rates. Ms. Englert confirmed that compliance checks have already begun.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the Special Counsel Review the Board acknowledged the Clean and Green Use Values for 2014 & 2015 will be assessed on the 2007 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture use value rates. As approved during the October 8, 2013 Public Work Session.

First Amendment Lease William L Kiser and Rebecca Kiser

Mr. Baustert explained that two years ago the county entered into a two year lease with the Kisers in order to build a communication tower on their property. This is a renewed agreement with amendments of use. Ms. Miller asked and received clarification that it did not involve any changes in the financial agreement. Mr. Baustert added that this tower is in Wayne Township. The Board added that it will also boost usage in the Dayton Fair area.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board approved the First Amendment Lease between Armstrong County and William L. Kiser and Rebecca Kiser.

Housing Authority Agreement

Mr. Baustert explained that this is a two year agreement that will provide criminal background checks for the Housing Authority of Armstrong County by the Armstrong County 9-1-1 at a cost of \$10.00 per search.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Housing Authority of Armstrong County.

Change Orders #23 - #28 Sterling Contracting

Ms. Johnson requested the following Change Orders with Sterling Contracting for the Belmont Complex Renovation Project be acknowledged. She listed the following Change Orders that were approved at the October 29, public work session:

- Change Order #23 increases the contract amount by \$3,519.00 for additional framing supports and four additional access panels.
- Change Order #24 increases the contract amount by \$1,697.28 to add additional coursing at storage area and masonry changes.
- Change Order #25 increases the contract by \$12,766.92 to add delay in steel delivery.
- Change Order #26 increases the contract amount by \$16,850.70 to add additional moisture mitigation – upper level.
- Change Order #27 increases the contract by \$2,008.13 to add south end asphalt paving charges for hand patch in lieu of machine.
- Change Order #28 decreases the contract by \$3,039.50 scope changes for roofing subcontractor.

Ms. Liermann had several questions about what the scope of the work entailed which were answered by Mr. Montebell and Ms. Johnson including the verification of a ten year warranty.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board acknowledged Change Orders #23- #28 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting.

Change Order #2 Current Waves

Ms. Johnson stated that the County allocated \$54,904.00 of its FFY 2010 Community Development Block Grant funds for the Bradys Bend Township Water & Sewer Authority Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements Project. She requested Change Order #2 to provide a 90 day time extension due to a delay in equipment delivery.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board approved Change Order #2 between Armstrong County and Current Waves.

Change Order #2 Mortimer's Excavating

Ms. Johnson explained that Change Order #2 with Mortimer's Excavating is an increase in the amount of \$6,163.20 for the Sanitary Sewerage System Project for the inclusion of items originally omitted from the proposal. She clarified that this money is funded by the township.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board approved Change Order #2 between Armstrong County and Mortimer's Excavating.

Change Order #2 R.A. Monzo Construction Co., Incorporated

Ms. Johnson stated that this is also for the Sanitary Sewerage System Project and is to replace work that had been completed but was then damaged in a storm. She quoted the increased amount as \$43,265.00 and affirmed that the money would be funded by the township.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board approved Change Order #2 between Armstrong County and R.A. Monzo Construction Co., Incorporated.

Nutrition, Inc.

Ms. Talerico explained that the contract is to approve a two month extension to the current contract which extends it until November 30, 2013.

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, Inc.

Affinity Health Services Incorporated

Mr. Lucovich requested approval of a three year agreement to provide management of the Armstrong County Health Center. He confirmed that it does include a 60 day opt out clause on behalf of both parties.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CYF Advisory Committee Re-appointments 2014-2015

Mr. Demangone stated that each of the 67 Public Welfare committees in Pennsylvania is required to have an advisory board. He recommends that these four members be reappointed.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously the Board approved the re-appointments of Rosemary Johnson, 2249 Manor Drive, Ford City PA 16226, Jean Swartz, 789 Mahoning Road, Templeton PA 16259, Marilyn Smail, 260 Forks Church Road, Leechburg PA 15656 and Mary Ann Wuyscik, 728 4th Street, Apollo PA 15613, to a term to expire December 31, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for October 2013

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:57 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai
County Administrator & Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary