

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
November 21, 2013



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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, Brad Pedersen – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Tammie Gaff – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Amanda Hiles – Armstrong County Treasurer, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator for Armstrong County, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, David Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Ken Heilman – Executive Director, Community Action Agency, Linda Cornman – Assistant Director, Community Action Agency, Chris Dear – Interim Director Armstrong County Health Center, Lee Markosky – Owner, Nutrition, Inc., 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 with Mr. Battaglia voting no, the minutes for the November 7, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

BID AWARD

Nutrition Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that the bid from Nutrition Inc. met all of the RFP requirements and she recommended the Board approve the bid. Ms. Liermann questioned the way bids are gathered. The Board, Ms. Talerico and Ms. Miller explained that the bids are advertised and that they have no control over which companies chose to participate. Ms. Liermann questioned the background of Nutrition, Inc. and Mr. Markosky started to address her questions. Mr. Fink made point of order to bring the meeting back to the issue at hand.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board of Commissioners awarded the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging nutrition services bid to Nutrition Inc.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Metz, Lewis, Brodman, Must, O'Keefe LLC

Mr. Lucovich requested approval of the agreement with Metz, Lewis, Brodman, Must, O'Keefe LLC as the new labor law firm for the county.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review the Board approved the letter of agreement between Armstrong County and Metz, Lewis, Brodman, Must, O'Keefe LLC.

Consolidated County Human Services Plan for 2013 – 2014

Mr. Heilman recommended the plan for approval. Mr. Fink explained that the County and Agencies have all agreed to work together in an effort to provide the best services possible to county residents. Mr. Bower added that the consolidated services include Children, Youth and Family Services, Area Agency on Aging, Armstrong – Indiana Mental Health Developmental Health Program and Armstrong - Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved to adopt the proposed Consolidated County Human Services Plan for 2013 – 2014 for Armstrong County Community Action.

Vogel Disposal Services Incorporated

Mr. Dear requested approval of Vogel Disposal Services for refuse pick up from the Health Center at a rate of \$942.42 per month with pick up occurring three times per week. He noted that this is the same as the current rate with no increase in fees or decrease in services.

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 Vogel Disposal Services Incorporated.

Family Psychological Associates, LTD.

Mr. Hogue explained that Family Psychological is the current provider of services and they would like to renew their contract for another year. He stated that they have been servicing the jail for five years and are requesting a three percent increase. Ms. Liermann questioned if the budget for 2014 allowed for the increase. Mr. Fink responded as President of the Prison Board and stated that the Armstrong County Jail is operating at 8.5% below budget. The Board affirmed that taxes will not be raised due to this contract.

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 Family Psychological Associates, LTD.

Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors

Mr. Hogue requested that the contract with Renick Brothers be approved to upgrade the software and operation of the air conditioning and heating. He stated that bids were accepted and these are the lowest responsible bids. Mr. Hogue confirmed that these upgrades will create a savings in usage and money spent.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review the Board approved the contract between Armstrong County and Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors.

Change Order #29 Sterling Contracting

Ms. Johnson explained that Change Order #29 for Phase III of the Belmont Renovation Project with Sterling Contracting will increase the project by \$26,495.20 to allow for the additional steel and labor utilized underneath the bleachers. She noted that the Board approved the Change Order at their November 12, 2013 Public Work Session.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review the Board acknowledged Change Order #29 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting for the Belmont Complex Renovation.

Otis Elevator Co.

Ms. Cowan requested a three year agreement with Otis Elevator for maintenance at the Armsdale Building at a cost of \$385.00 per month, payable annually with an opt out clause. Ms. Liermann questioned if the building is still scheduled to be closed. Mr. Battaglia clarified that this is merely a maintenance agreement and clearly stated that he wants the building to be sold. The Board stated that it was their intent to close but the need for the building in the community is great and added that the tenants have requested to stay.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review the Board acknowledged the renewal of the maintenance agreement between Armstrong County and Otis Elevator Company.

Resource Software International

Ms. Cowan stated that the one year agreement with Resource Software International will provide unlimited telephone technical support.

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 Resource Software International.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Conservation District

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried with Mr. Battaglia abstaining, the Board approved the reappointment of David Battaglia, 137 Zambotti Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Conservation District for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointments of Mr. DeJay Claypoole, 169 Lyn-Haven Lane Worthington, PA 16262 and Mr. Jerry Longwell, 11697 State Route 85, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Conservation District for terms to expire December 31, 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Preliminary Budget for Public Inspection

Ms. Cowan presented the 2014 Preliminary Budget and described the process of meeting with department heads. She highlighted some points of interest including that there is no increase in millage; therefore there will not be a tax increase. The Board announced that Ms. Cowan has managed to cut the overall budget by ten percent. Ms. Cowan stated that the budget will be available for review and the final budget will be passed on December 19, 2013. Ms. Liermann had some questions regarding how to read the budget; the Board explained how to read the worksheet.

Ms. Liermann described a letter that was in the Leader Times regarding a concern with the 911 system and a fire that recently occurred in Worthington. Mr. Bower expressed it was an electronic glitch in the system

but stated it has been corrected. Mr. Fink stated that the problem was unacceptable and has been addressed. He gave his assurance that the system is being taken care of.

Ms. Liermann then stated that Nutrition, Inc. had rented from the county and then moved into a tax free zone. She feels that they are receiving an unfair advantage over other companies out of the county. Mr. Fink stated that other companies are welcome to submit bids but that mileage of delivery would make the cost uncompetitive. Mr. Markosky confirmed that they employ 22 county residents for their business. Ms. Talerico stated that they survey the consumers twice a year and they are quite pleased with the quality of the meals they receive.

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 2:10 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 1:30 pm.