

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
December 1, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 1, 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, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Jim Kuemmerle – Administrator & Executive Director, Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, Dennis Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Public Attendance by: Regina Liermann

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the minutes for the November 17, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Avanco International, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Demangone, the Commissioners approved the Business Agreement for Children, Youth and Family Services between Armstrong County and Avanco International, Inc. Mr. Demangone described the efforts by the state to pass government regulations to the county level. He stated that this agreement will put a universal case management system in place known as CAPS (Child Accounting & Profile System). This is a change from Child-Net PA to a state approved system and will cost approximately \$70,000.00.

Crown Castle Tower License Agreements

Mr. Brozenick stated that there are three new sites for the towers at Crooked Creek, Elderton and Rural Valley. He noted that the ARMS30 site is an agreement that has been in place and that the PA 008 and Vandergrift sites are current contracts that are being amended.

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 Government Entity Tower License Agreement for Crooked Creek between Armstrong County and Crown Castle Tower License.

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 Government Entity Tower License Agreement for Elderton between Armstrong County and Crown Castle Tower License.

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 Government Entity Tower License Agreement for PA Rural Valley between Armstrong County and Crown Castle Tower License.

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 Short Form Tower License Agreement for ARMS30 / Mount Tabor Site between Armstrong County and Crown Castle Tower License.

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 Second Amendment to Antenna Site Lease: PA 008 Kittanning between Armstrong County and Crown Castle Tower License.

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 Second Amendment to Antenna Site Lease: Vandergrift between Armstrong County and Crown Castle Tower License.

Memorandum of Understanding with Peoples Natural Gas

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 Memorandum of Understanding between Armstrong County and Peoples Natural Gas. Mr. Brozenick explained that this will permit the county to replace a tower that is currently in place and permit usage to Peoples Natural Gas.

NAMI of Indiana County

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Family and Consumer Support and Public Education between Armstrong County and NAMI of Indiana County. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that this is a routine contract that provides support for families and individuals with mental illness. He noted that Indiana County has signed the agreement.

Unity Home Partners, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Supportive Housing Services between Armstrong County and Unity Home Partners, Inc. Mr. Kuemmerle explained that this is a new contract that will provide specialized and supportive housing to individuals that have been hospitalized and discharged from state hospitals.

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Healthchoices Behavioral Health Agreement between Armstrong County and Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania Inc. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that the current contract will expire at the end of 2011 and that this new contract will be in place for two years. He noted that Indiana County has signed their contract, and that all counties involved will have them signed within the next week.

Inter-governmental Cooperation Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Inter-governmental Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Kuemmerle explained that this is collaboration between the six counties that will optimize the

selection in services and ultimately save money. He estimated that Indiana and Armstrong County will see a savings of \$900,000.00 and 4.3 million dollars in savings among the six counties.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2011-4 Inter-government Cooperation Agreement with Southwestern Behavioral Health Management Incorporated

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2011-4 Inter-government Cooperation Agreement with Southwestern Behavioral Health Management Incorporated. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that the ordinance will be in place to permit the six counties to work together to attain the above agreement.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Hospital Authority Reappointment

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. John Lewis, One Nolte Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201, for a five year term to expire January 1, 2017.

Children Youth and Family Services Reappointments

Mr. Demangone explained that the Public Child Welfare Agencies in Pennsylvania are required to have an established advisory committee. He stated that the number of members is not limited and that they are seeking individuals from around the county but most notably Parker / Brady's Bend areas as well as from Rural Valley and Elderton.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Ms. Rosemary Johnson, 2249 Manor Drive, Ford City PA 16226, Ms. Marilyn Smail, 260 Forks Church Road, Leechburg, PA 15656, Ms. Jean Swartz, 789 Mahoning Road, Templeton, PA 16259, Ms. Mary Ann Wuyscik, 728 4th Street, Apollo, PA 15613 for two year terms to expire December 31, 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Ms. Liermann discussed with Mr. Kuemmerle the treatments covered under the agreements that were passed at today's meeting. She then described her feelings concerning the county budget and shared her ideas for the redistribution of available funds. Ms. Kirkpatrick thanked Ms. Liermann for attending and expressing her opinions, and then reminded her that the budget is still in the preliminary stage and has not been approved yet.

In his opening comments, Mr. Fink reiterated the fact that the budget has not yet been adopted. He stressed that the proposed three percent increase for at will employees does not concern the salaries for county employees who are represented by a union. He then shared his belief that county employees' performance has contributed to the good fiscal management of the county. He cited the absence of a tax increase for the past six years as one example and noted that such an effort deserves acknowledgement and reward.

Mr. Fink wished everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving and a safe, successful hunting season. He commented on the family oriented aspects of hunting and the long term benefits that result.

Mr. Scahill then addressed the misconception that the county owns roadways. He explained that the townships, boroughs and states are responsible for the development and maintenance of the county's roadways. Mr. Scahill closed his comments by pointing out that some local roads have experienced considerable improvement because of the recent development of Marcellus shell gas industry. He cited the significant upgrade in the condition of an access road leading to a well on, what is commonly known as, Poverty Hill.

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 2:06 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 1:30 pm.