

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
December 19, 2013



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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, Amanda Hiles – Armstrong County Controller, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Armstrong County, Jeanne Englert – Director, Armstrong County Tax Claim, Cheryl Morris – Director, Armstrong County Domestic Relations Section, Mike Renosky – Chief Assessor, Armstrong County Assessment, Kevin Shepard – Deputy Warden of Administration, Armstrong County Jail, Danny Shirley – Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Tammy Calderone – Administrator, Behavioral Development Health Program, Kami Anderson – Indiana, Armstrong, Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission, Marie Dillon-Griffith – Armstrong, Indiana, Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission..

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the December 5, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Andrew J. Sacco

Ms. Morris requested approval of the Title 40 Attorney Contract for Private Attorney between Armstrong County on behalf of the Domestic Relations Department and Andrew J. Sacco.

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 Andrew J. Sacco for the Domestic Relation Section (DRS).

Tyler Technologies

Mr. Renosky stated that this is a one year renewal contract at the same cost as previously set.

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 Tyler Technologies.

Value Behavioral Health of PA, Inc. (VBH-PA)

Ms. Calderone described this as a four year agreement until December 31, 2017 with the option to renew. The Commissioners verified that the other counties involved, Butler, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland, have agreed to enter the 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 among Armstrong County along with Butler, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland Counties and Value Behavioral Health of PA, Inc.

Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc. (SWBHM)

Ms. Calderone explained that this contract will provide consulting services with Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc. (SWBHM) for four years until December 13, 2017 and includes an annual three percent fee increase.

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 Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc. (SWBHM).

Fayette County

Mr. Shepard described housing inmates for Fayette County to assist them in their dilemma of overpopulation. He stated that this agreement sets the pay scale for housing the inmates.

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

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

Ms. Johnson requested the approval of Revised Change Order #2 to contract 11-3 for the West Hills Area Water Pollution Control Authority Sanitary Sewerage System Project with R.A. Monzo Construction Company Incorporated of Latrobe, which increases the contract amount by \$32,908.89.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review the Board acknowledged Change Order #2 with R.A. Monzo Construction Company.

Sterling Contracting Change Order #32

Ms. Johnson requested that due to additions and renovations to the Armstrong County Belmont Complex Project the Board acknowledge approval of Change Order #32 to Sterling Contracting's contract to increase the amount by \$2,142.00 to repair the electrical lines between HVAC Units 2 and 3 not caused by work completed under the general construction contract.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review the Board acknowledged Change Order #32 with Sterling Contracting.

ADOPTION OF THE 2014 ARMSTRONG COUNTY BUDGET

Ms. Cowan detailed the budget process, stating that there were only a few changes from the preliminary budget. Mr. Fink reported that the millage was adjusted from the debt service to the general fund. Ms. Cowan confirmed that an adjustment of ½ mills was made.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the 2014 Armstrong County Budget.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

CCAP COMCARE Award Presentation

Ms. Anderson recognized Armstrong, Indiana and Clarion Counties for their efforts and participation in a pilot program that assists inmates in preventative care and counseling in the area of treatment for drug and alcohol to commence immediately upon their release from jail. She announced that the counties were honored by COMCARE, the insurance division of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania for the work they have done in setting up the program that improves the lives of former inmates and brings a cost savings to the county. She quoted that during the last 12 months two counties participated and one county participated for six months with an estimated savings to the counties of over \$203,000.00. Mr. Fink stated that he feels this program will grow, continue to be a great benefit to the inmates and become a model for the state. Ms. Dillon-Griffith commended everyone for working so well together to reach such success.

Armstrong County Senior Home Repair Pilot Program

Ms. Johnson announced a joint program between the Armstrong County Planning & Development and the Area Agency on Aging to assist senior home owners in funding home repairs to their roof or heating systems. Mr. Shirley stated that the Area Agency on Aging is excited to be a part of the program and to be able to offer the assistance. Ms. Johnson stated there is \$100,000.00 available with the Agency of Aging providing \$80,000.00 from the lottery funds and the County is giving \$20,000.00 from the Act 137 funds. She added that interested parties should contact Adrienne Commodore in the Housing Division of the Department of Planning and Development. Mr. Palilla commended the two departments on working so well together.

Mr. Battaglia invited everyone to attend the Open House at the Belmont Complex that will be held Saturday, December 21st. He recognized the hard work of all involved most notably the Planning & Development Department.

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 1:50 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 1:30 pm.