

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**July 21, 2011**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, July 21, 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, Kathy Rashlich – Marketing and Administrative Assistant, Armstrong County Commissioners Office, Renatta Signorini – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources

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 July 7, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID AWARD**

**Overhauls on Two York Model R Compressors**

On July 7, 2011 the following bids were received:

Company	City	Amount
CH&R Inc. Liqui-Chill	Oakmont, PA	\$10,550.00
Johnson Controls	Pittsburgh, PA	\$10,825.00
Quality Mechanical Services Inc.	Verona, PA	\$15,046.00
JB Mechanical Inc.	Bethel Park, PA	\$18,642.00

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of Mr. Montebell, the Commissioners acknowledged awarding the bid for overhauls on two York Model R Compressors to CH&R Inc. Liqui-Chill of Oakmont, PA for \$10,550.00. Mr. Montebell stated that CH&R Liqui-Chill met all the requirements and offered the lowest bid. He said that August 15, 2011 is the start date for converting the arena to ice.

**AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

**Belmont Sign Agreement with Ann Montebell**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Belmont Sign Agreement between Armstrong County and Ann Montebell. Mr. Montebell stated that the agreement price will remain at \$25.00 per month.

Proposal for Professional Geotechnical Engineering Services with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC)

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the proposal for Professional Geotechnical Engineering Services between Armstrong County and Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC). Mr. Palilla explained that the contract will include boring in two geological test areas for a cost of \$10,530.00. He noted that in the unlikely chance that more test are needed the cost will be adjusted accordingly.

North Buffalo Township's 2010 CDBG Grant Contract with DCED

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved on behalf of North Buffalo Township's 2010 CDBG Grant Contract between Armstrong County and DCED. Ms. Johnson stated that Armstrong County was recently awarded a 2010 competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of North Buffalo Township in the amount of \$500,000. This grant will be utilized to pay the cost of a water line extension along Glade Run Road and Bypass Road in the township to connect approximately 25 households to the new water line. She quoted the project cost as \$820,000, combining the CDBG funds with \$99,683 from the County's 2010 CDBG funds and \$270,317 from the Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority (KSJWA).

Parks Township's 2010 CDBG Grant Contract with DCED

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved on behalf of Parks Township's 2010 CDBG Grant Contract between Armstrong County and DCED. Ms. Johnson stated that Armstrong County was recently awarded a 2010 competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of Parks Township in the amount of \$500,000. She explained that this grant will be utilized for the construction of a sanitary sewer line extension along Garver's Ferry Road and Hemlock Road in the township to connect approximately four households and one personal care facility with 26 residents to the new sewage line. Ms. Johnson broke down the project cost of \$273,000 as \$204,750 CDBG funds and \$68,250 from Parks Township.

2010 Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Contract with PHMC

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the 2010 Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Contract between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. Ms. Johnson stated that the grant is for \$12,000 and requires a 50/50 match from the county. The grant is for the feasibility study to repair the bricks and mortar of the courthouse cupola.

457 Deferred Compensation Plan with Nationwide Insurance

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 457 Deferred Compensation Plan between Armstrong County and Nationwide Insurance. Ms. Koleny stated that they have added two provisions to this plan at no additional cost. She explained that employees can contribute to their retirement plan, post taxes, to supplement their account.

### 2011 Area Agency on Aging Agreements

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 2011 Area Agency on Aging Agreements between Armstrong County and Alma Health LLC d/b/a/ MedStaffers for Home Health Service, Home Support Service, Personal Assistance Service and Personal Care Service. Ms. Talerico stated that Alma Health is one of five providers that give consumers more choice in selecting a vendor. She added that this is a one year contract.

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 2011 Area Agency on Aging Agreements between Armstrong County and Helpmates Incorporated for Home Support Service, Personal Assistance Service and Personal Care Service. Ms. Talerico stated that Helpmates Incorporated is also one of the five providers to choose from. She explained that this is also a one year contract and was offered at the same rates as before.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### Resolution 2011-14 Authorizing Signature for Kittanning PCTI Grant Reimbursement Agreement of Commissioner Kirkpatrick

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-14 Authorizing Signature for Kittanning PCTI Grant Reimbursement Agreement of Commissioner Kirkpatrick. Mr. Palilla stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires this resolution authorizing a signature for the reimbursement agreement.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Fink recapped the discussions that were held at last week's meeting of the Northwest County Commissioners Association that was held in Cambria County. He said the primary discussion was on the state budget and how each county would be affected by the funding cuts. Mr. Fink stated that the most significant cuts will be to the Department of Public Welfare most notably the division of Children and Youth Services. He said that once the information has been reviewed a clearer picture of the affects on the county budget will be available. Mr. Fink stated he wished to praise the Armstrong County Townships of Madison, Mahoning, Redbank and Clarion County's Madison Township for their efforts in jointly working together on projects. He stated it was nice to see the cooperation in an effort to save everyone time and money.

Mr. Scahill described his recent trip to Portland, Oregon to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference. He stated that some of the major issues they covered involved environmental and land use, the issue of the leak in the gulf and the usage of coal. NACo supports using coal as a safe and clean solution. He stated that next year's conference will be held in Pittsburgh. In closing Mr. Scahill spoke of his recent diagnosis of bladder cancer. He explained that it was caught early and that he is at stage 0, and will be undergoing a treatment that has been used for over 100 years. He credited discussions with other veterans while on the

Wounded Warrior Walk in prompting to seek medical attention that lead to early detection. He is thankful to his fellow commissioners and others for their support.

Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed her gratitude to Commissioner Scahill for his commitment and effort to NACo. She praised Ms. Johnson and the rest of the Planning & Development staff for capturing the competitive grants that have enabled the extension of projects, most notably in water and sewage improvements. She noted that their department's success has always been appreciated but that the grants are more necessary than ever due to cuts in state funding.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:01 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 1:30 pm.