

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**April 1, 2010**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Chad Puz– Family Life TV, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller –Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janice Ochs – Administrative Assistant, Armstrong County Health Center, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Janet Talerico – Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, David Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Walt Smail – Property Manager, Armstrong County Economic Development, JoEllen Bowman – Director, HAVIN, Representatives of F & M Bank: Rich Krauland, Laura Meixelberger, Sandra Ciccarelli, Clem Rosenberger, Representatives of Healthy Armstrong: Jodi Beers, Devin Lorigan, Kay Owen, Trisha Brice, Michelle Tallman, Dr. Hal Altman, Public Attendance: Bill Tatters, of DIG, Jen Cross.

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 March 18, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID AWARD**

Awarding of Mowing Bids

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and approved unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the County Commissioners awarded the mowing bid to Crawford's Mowing of Kittanning.

**CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

Worker's Compensation Insurance Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners acknowledged the Worker's Compensation Insurance agreement between Armstrong County and BABB, Inc. Ms. Koleny stated that because the county is self-insured they are required to have a third party claim administrator.

Probation Arbitration Award

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners acknowledged the arbitration award between Armstrong County and the Probation Department. Ms. Koleny explained that the two parties were not able to reach a settlement, and an arbitrator was brought in to settle the collective bargaining

agreement. She noted that this is a binding arbitration award that is in effect for three years from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012.

NACo Dental Discount Program

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the NACo Dental Discount Program agreement between Armstrong County and Careington International Corporation. Mr. Scahill described the Prescription Drug Discount Program that the county participated in. Armstrong County has been selected as a participant in the pilot program for a dental program. This test program will take approximately 18 months to complete. Ms. Kirkpatrick extended her gratitude to Mr. Scahill for his part in Armstrong County's inclusion in the pilot program.

HIPPA Business Associate Agreement with PELICAN Insurance

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the HIPPA Business Associate Agreement between Armstrong County and PELICAN Insurance. Ms. Ochs represented the Health Center on behalf of Ms. Dragan. She stated that this HIPPA agreement covers PELICAN Insurance, which is the malpractice insurance for the health center.

Skilled Nursing Facility Participation Agreement with TRICARE

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Skilled Nursing Facility Participation Agreement between Armstrong County and TRICARE. Ms. Ochs explained that this HIPPA agreement is with TRICARE, the providers of coverage for veteran's insurance.

Columbian Ancillary Business Services Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Business Services Agreement between Armstrong County and Columbian Ancillary Services. Ms. Ochs stated that this HIPPA agreement is with Columbian Ancillary Business, the providers of oxygen for the Health Center.

KidStuff Coupon Book

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, the County Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and the KidStuff Coupon Book. Mr. Montebell stated that this is a program that the county has participated in annually.

Security Monitoring Agreement with MVS Security

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, the County Commissioners approved the security monitoring agreement between Armstrong County and MVS Security. Mr. Montebell explained that this agreement will add maintenance security camera coverage to the pool building.

Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (C.L.E.A.N.)

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners acknowledged the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (C.L.E.A.N.) System between Armstrong County Jail and 911. Mr. Hogue stated that this agreement is in place in the event that the Jail's system is unavailable; they would be authorized to use the 911 system for access to warrants and records of county inmates.

Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI)

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI). Ms. Talerico explained that this agreement provides funding that will assist six additional people through a grant by providing free training to the older worker for re-entry to the job market.

City of Parker River Avenue Water Line Replacement Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, the County Commissioners approved the Cooperation Agreement among Armstrong County, City of Parker and the Parker Area Authority for the City of Parker River Avenue Water Line Replacement Project. Ms. Johnson explained that the county currently is in agreement with the City of Parker for the administration of their 2009 CDBG funds. Approval of this agreement is required to involve Parker Area Authority as a third party in this project.

IUP Cooperation Agreement Project

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. Smail, the County Commissioners approved the IUP Cooperation Agreement Project between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority. Mr. Smail stated that one of the special conditions of the IUP Cooperation Agreement is that the county must agree to be a secondary guarantor of any reimbursements due to the Commonwealth. The Board of Commissioners recognized Senator Don White for his obtainment of the grant money.

Fiduciary Liability Insurance Application with Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners acknowledged the Fiduciary Liability Insurance Application between Armstrong County and Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Ms. Miller stated that this Fiduciary Liability Insurance will cover the retirement fund and board for any alleged wrongful acts. It has a one million dollar limit and will cover the Board of Commissioners, the Controller and the Treasurer.

PCCD Grant Application for Level III/IV Offender Program

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the PCCD Grant Application for Level III / IV Offender Program. The Board of Commissioners stated that this is an annual renewal for the Armstrong - Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2010-5 Authorizing the Signatures of Amendment B Gastown Bridge Reimbursement**

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and approved unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2010-5 Authorizing the County to sign amendment B of the Gastown Bridge Reimbursement Agreement between Armstrong County and Penn Dot. Mr. Alviano explained that Amendment B to the Gastown Bridge reimbursement agreement adds \$15,240.00 in funds for a right of way, increasing costs of the total agreement from \$304,400.00 to \$319,640.00. A resolution needed to be adopted authorizing the signature on Amendment B.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Appointment**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and approved unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, the County Commissioners appointed Ms. Roseline G. Smeltzer, 500 Barks Hill Road, Creekside, PA 15732, as Consumer Representative from the Elderton Area for the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for the remainder of a three year term to expire December 31, 2011. Ms. Talerico explained that they have 10 geographical representatives, five agencies and one elected official; this will give a full board and a complete representation of the 10 regions.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **Proclamation 2010-8 Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business of the Year F & M Bank**

Mr. Krauland stated that this award is not tied to bank profits. Instead it is reflective of the charity and work that the employees have done with the community. He credited 45 employees for their volunteerism and introduced three employees that attended with him.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-8 Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business of the Year F & M Bank.

### **Proclamation 2010-9 April 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Ms. Bowman expressed her gratitude to the Board of Commissioners for their support. She described the newly developed Sexual Assault Response Team that will be available to assist victims. The Board of Commissioners recognized Ms. Bowman and District Attorney Andreassi for

obtaining a grant that had been previously denied. Ms. Bowman said the grant will provide \$125,000 to the county; it breaks down to 50 % for HAVIN, 25% for law enforcement and 25% for prosecution.

Mr. Scahill read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-9 April 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Board recognized the efforts of the staff and volunteers at HAVIN for enabling services to be offered.

#### Proclamation 2010-10 April 2010 as Healthy County Month

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that today is the kick off of April 2010 as Healthy County Month as per the request of National Association of Counties (NACo). Ms. Owen described the calendar that was a collaboration between the county and HEALTHY Armstrong. She directed everyone to log on to the websites, learn what activities are available and join in this important national program.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-10 April 2010 as Healthy County Month. Ms. Kirkpatrick made special mention that Armstrong County was the first WE CAN County in the Nation. Ms. Owen detailed how Congresswoman Dahlkemper uses Armstrong County as a model when writing legislation and recommendations. Dr. Altman credits everyone's efforts for bringing Armstrong County ahead of the curve on fighting the effects of childhood obesity.

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

##### Financial Transactions

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the financial transactions for the month of March, 2010.

Mr. Scahill recognized Dr. Altman visioning a healthier lifestyle for our community, and for inviting UPMC into the effort to provide financial support. He recognized the passing of Mr. Bob James of Florida for his work at NACo. Mr. Scahill further recognized the work that the employees at F & M Bank perform, both as a banking institution and as volunteers to the community. Mr. Scahill invited everyone to a fundraiser for the Aud Squad Relay for Life Team at the Kittanning Elks on Sunday, April 11, from 4 to 8 PM.

Mr. Fink encouraged everyone to complete and return their census forms. He explained how the 2010 Census will affect the outcome of funding, most notably the Human Services Development Fund and how it assists local agencies. He read a report on the decrease in funding since 2008, and asked that everyone become involved and by asking local legislators about their plans for covering the funding deficit.

Mr. Fink recognized the hard work and efforts of Bill Doverspike of Milton Loop and Chief Clerk George J. Skamai to improve the campground and its amenities. He announced that Milton Loop

Campground will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Ms. Kirkpatrick reviewed the County Report Card, and invited everyone to review the statistics that it offered. She announced the Blood Drive to be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from Noon to 6PM at the Belmont Complex Banquet Room. She also announced the Health Fair from Noon to 3 PM on April 10, 2010 and the discounted priced Public Skate beginning at 2:15 PM.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced a Wellness Center Planning meeting to be held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Belmont Complex Banquet Room. She invited everyone to attend and give their input on the planning and development of the center. The Wellness Center is expected to be the county's testament of concern for the health of current and future county residents.

Mr. Tatter approached the Board of Commissioners with concerns of Ms. Cross, a resident of an Armstrong County Housing Authority unit. Ms. Cross has special physical needs that they feel are not being met by the Housing Authority. The Board of Commissioners explained that the Armstrong County Housing Authority is not a County Authority but rather a Federal Authority. They recommended that Mr. Tatters and Ms. Cross follow the appeal process through the Housing Authority Board.

Ms. Bowman offered teal ribbon pins in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She requested everyone to wear them as a show of support.

### **ADJOURN**

With no further business being presented the Board of Commissioners wished everyone a blessed and happy Easter. On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:39 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 1:30 PM.