

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
April 3, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014 AT 9:00 AM 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 Pederson – Leader Times, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Tammy Gaff – 1st Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Wendy Buzard - Director, Armstrong County Elections, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Melanie Iverson – Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Laurie Johns – HAVIN, Vince Cappel – Hazardous Materials Coordinator, Armstrong County Public Safety, 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 unanimously, the minutes for the March 20, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATION

Adopt Proclamation # 2014-7 Childhood Cancer Awareness Week

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved Proclamation 2014-7 Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

Adopt Proclamation # 2014-8 Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved Proclamation 2014-8 Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Ms. Johns gave statistics for services provided by HAVIN last year. The sexual assaults services reported were: 45 adults, 11 children, and 30 significant others. These numbers are the cases that were reported; many never get reported. Ms. Johns added that HAVIN appreciates all the recognition that this proclamation provides.

Mr. Bower asked Ms. Johns if there is an increase or decrease in the numbers reported and Ms. Johns said we are seeing an increase, but mainly due to the fact that we have better trained people conducting the interviews now. Mr. Bower expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who are willing to be a part of this process.

Adopt Proclamation # 2014-9 Volunteer Recognition Week

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved Proclamation 2014-9 Volunteer Recognition Week.

Ms. Talerico stated that just the Area Agency on Aging alone has 236 active volunteers how have donated over 22,000 hours of service over the past year. Area Agency on Aging will have a joint recognition with older Americans and an official volunteer recognition for the volunteers. Each volunteer will be given a token of appreciation. Ms. Talerico stated they are most grateful to the Board of Commissioners for personally signing individual Proclamations that will be presented to the volunteers. Ms. Talerico introduced Melanie Iverson who will be taking over the volunteer coordination Program at Area Agency on Aging.

Mr. Fink stated that in Armstrong County the volunteers mean so much because we couldn't operate the Area Agency on Aging Senior Centers without them. HAVIN, Fire departments, Food Bank, Community Action Agency, depend on volunteers to make these things work. Mr. Bower added that our churches and many other organizations could not function without volunteerism. Mr. Battaglia noted appreciation to the volunteer fire departments and the churches for the social aspects they provide to the County. He encouraged everyone to attend any of the events that these groups are having because they are good causes.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Approve Agreement between Armstrong County and JH Consulting, LLC

Mr. Cappo is requesting approval of the contract, pending county solicitor's review, for a traffic quality flow study to be performed here by JH consulting from West Virginia. They have worked with us in the past on a study in 2010. They compile traffic study information on trucks to recognize the hazards that are crossing our roads as well as water and rail movement. This is an 80% reimbursement contract through Pennsylvania Emergency Management. Mr. Cappo explained to Mr. Battaglia that the contract is \$5000.00 and we will get reimbursed \$4000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and JH Consulting, LLC.

Mr. Bower reminded everyone that Mr. Cappo is the Hazardous Materials Coordinator for the county and that this study is very important to the county.

Mr. Battaglia thanked Mr. Cappo for all his hard work that he put into this study.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ms. Buzard stated that she received a request from Ford Cliff Borough Council to change the Ford Cliff Borough voting place from the borough building to the Ford Cliff Fire Hall. The council is asking for this change due to parking issues, the fire hall being larger and handi-cap accessible. Ms. Buzard is asking for the board's approval for the change. Mr. Battaglia asked Ms. Buzard if this will take effect in time for the

primary. Ms. Buzard answered yes and that her office will take care of advertising in the paper and posting notices throughout the borough. Notices will be mailed to all voters.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Ford Cliff polling place change.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board

Ms. Talerico stated that Mr. Schmidt would be a consumer representative from the Parker and Brady's Bend area and the second individual, Ms. Louden, would be a consumer representative for the Apollo area.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. William D. Schmidt of 520 Washington Street #A, PO Box 282, Parker, PA 16049 to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board of the County of Armstrong, for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Anna Jane Louden of 1103 Eagles Nest Road, Vandergrift, PA 15690 to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board of the County of Armstrong, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

Armstrong County Tourist Bureau Board

Mr. Andrews stated that Ms. Pryde has been involved with the Tourist Bureau for years as a volunteer and because of her interest in the community he feels she would be an asset to the board.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Joie M. Pryde of 101 Rebecca Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau Board for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

Armstrong County Belmont Complex Advisory Committee

Mr. Bower stated that both of these gentlemen have been on the board for quite some time and he feels that it is an advantage for us to have them on the board.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Donald Poorman of 2136 Shady Lane, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Belmont Complex Advisory Committee (BCAC) for a term to expire August 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Richard Depner of 2135 Shady Lane, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Belmont Complex Advisory Committee (BCAC) for a term to expire August 31, 2016

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Announcement - Absentee Ballot Applications are now available

Wendy Buzard, Director of Elections/Chief Registrar

Ms. Buzard announced that absentee ballot applications are now available until May 13th.

Announcement - Last day to register to vote – April 21, 2014

Wendy Buzard, Director of Elections/Chief Registrar

Ms. Buzard announced that the last day to register to vote is April 21, 2014 for the general primary and also the last day to make political party changes or address changes.

Mr. Battaglia asked Ms. Buzard what the dead line was for a candidate to be removed from the ballot. Ms. Buzard said the deadline has pasted but there are court cases pending until April 10th.

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for March 2014

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the Financial Transactions for March 2014.

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 9:20 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 9:00 am.