

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
April 17, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 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, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Sally Conklin – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Ron Baustert – 9-1-1 Coordinator, Walt Smail – Project Manager, Economic Development, Mike Coonley – Executive Director, Economic Development, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development.

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 April 3, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2014-8 Belmont DCNR Grant

Ms. Johnson stated that the County submitted a grant to the DCNR (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation Natural Resources) for a feasibility study of the pool at the Belmont Complex. The total cost of the study was \$61,400.00. Fifty percent will be covered by the grant and the other 50% will be the county's match. The solicitor has reviewed and approved the resolution. The Commissioners adopted the resolution at their April 8th public meeting. Mr. Battaglia explained that the reason for the feasibility study is to meet the requirements of the state. Mr. Palilla said that DCNR suggested the study be utilized to address long term improvements, and Mr. Battaglia added that the study would provide additional recreation options as well.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the adoption of Resolution # 2014-8 Belmont DCNR Grant.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

United Telephone Company Agreement

Mr. Baustert said that this project will replace 911 phone equipment that reroutes 911 calls. Rather than purchase equipment on our own, we will partner with other counties in region 13 and Venango County. There are two contracts, one for the host to share county host costs; that part of the contract will cost \$29,225.36. The other contract is the county infrastructure. It will replace all 911 work stations and will cost \$231,112.29. The annual maintenance fee will be \$6,426.45. The contracts have been reviewed and approved by the county solicitor. Mr. Battaglia asked how this was being funded and Mr. Baustert replied that the whole project will be funded through wireless funds.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

Multiple Counties United Telephone Company Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between multiple counties including Armstrong County and United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

Municipal Waste Planning Grant Agreement

Ms. Conklin said that the Department of Environmental Protection requires this plan to be updated every ten years. The Department of Environmental Protection has forwarded a grant in the amount of \$63,675.00 to complete the update; there will be a 20% match, most of which will be staff time. The agreement has been reviewed by the county solicitor and approved.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Department of Environmental Protection.

M and B Services, LLC

Ms. Johnson stated, the county, on behalf of Kittanning Borough Council, has allocated portions of the Borough's CDBG funds toward the Kittanning Revitalization Project. CAP funding was involved and there were some local contributions. The project was put out for bid and the lowest bid was received from M and B Services, LLC from Clarion PA, in the amount of \$1,207,710.14. The agreement was reviewed and approved by the county solicitor. The Board of Commissioners awarded the contract at the public work session on April 8, 2014. Ms. Johnson is requesting the Board of Commissioners acknowledgement.

Mr. Coonley added that there will be a meeting this afternoon with contractors. They are anticipating the project beginning within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Battaglia asked if they expected the project to be completed by the end of this year and Mr. Coonley answered yes.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and M and B Services, LLC.

A&D Services/Mark Stephens

Mr. Montebell stated that this agreement is for an ATM machine inside the Belmont Complex. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the county solicitor. The Belmont has had a lot of requests for an ATM machine. With this service the County will receive 25 cents per transaction for up to 99 transactions each month and 50 cents per transaction for more than 99 transactions each month.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and A&D Services/Mark Stephens.

County Aid Funding

Mr. Palilla said that the Liquid Fuels program provides funding to local municipalities for their highway and bridge projects. This year the notices went out in January. Thirty-one municipalities replied, requesting a total of \$382. The reviews are based on how much local funding the municipalities are able to provide to the project. We also look at the impact on existing development in the municipalities. There are various criteria that we use to evaluate to make recommendations to the Board. Significant this year is the Commissioners decision to increase the amount of funding that is made available to the municipalities because of the particularly harsh winter. The decision was made to increase that amount to \$245,000.00.

Mr. Battaglia read the Municipalities and the amounts that are being awarded. Mr. Palilla stated that a total of 19 municipalities were to receive funds. Mr. Palilla stated that with these awards and the past six years, it brings our total to just fewer than 800 thousand dollars that the county has provided to 38 separate municipalities. Mr. Fink said in order to receive these funds the municipalities must submit to PennDot for approval under Liquid Fuels. Mr. Palilla said after the meeting they will notify the municipalities, and then there is a process of making an online application to PennDot.

- Brady's Bend Township; \$13,715.50 for road repair to Snow Hill Road
- Cowanshannock; \$10,882 for repair to Industrial Street in Yatesboro
- Elderton Borough; \$8,317.50 for paving of Keller Street and South 2nd Alley
- Freeport Borough; \$15,000 for paving Market Street from 5th to 7th Streets
- Hovey Township; \$3,684 for limestone on Robinson Road
- Kiskiminetas Township; \$15,000 for paving of Evergreen & Maple Roads and Locust & Laurel Ways
- Kittanning Borough; \$15,000 for 2014 paving program
- Mahoning Township; \$15,000 for paving Hill Gale Acres
- North Apollo Borough; \$15,000 for paving Wemple Avenue
- North Buffalo Township; \$15,000 for bridge repair on Short Cut Road
- Parks Township; \$15,000 for paving Penn Avenue
- Perry Township; \$15,000 for road widening and repairs on Seybertown Road
- Pine Township; \$15,000 for bridge replacement to township's ash supply
- Plumcreek Township; \$4,850 for pipe replacement on Ankeny Road
- Rayburn Township; \$15,000 for fixing a road slide on Iron Bridge Road
- Rural Valley Borough; \$15,000 for seal coat on School and Kime Streets
- South Buffalo Township; \$6,000 for rebuilding of roadway on Hagar Lane
- Wayne Township; \$15,000 for replacement of a box culvert on Creek Road
- Worthington Borough; \$15,000 for paving Church and Meadow Streets

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the County Aid Funding.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Announcement –Date Change, Retirement Board Meetings

Ms. Miller stated that the Retirement Board Meetings are being changed to the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM; this will be advertised and the next meeting will be held on May 20, 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 9:10 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 9:00 am.