

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
May 15, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 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, Janet Talerico, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Dennis Demangone – Armstrong County Children Youth and Family Services, Kevin Shepard, Deputy Warden of Administration, Armstrong County Jail, Jonathon Weaver, Kittanning Paper, Jennifer McCroskey, AICDAC, Carly Cowan – Armstrong County Financial Advisor/Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Linda Cornman- Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Dan Dodd – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Becky Snyder – Armstrong County Tax Claim, Cindy Snyder – Armstrong County Assessment

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 May 1, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 2014-15 "Reverend John W. Snyder Day"

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

Ms. Snyder stated that her father will be very appreciative of this proclamation. He will retire at the end of May. He is 80 years young will be 81 in July.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2014-15 "Reverend John W. Snyder Day".

Proclamation 2014-16 Protect Our Children From Secondhand Smoke Month

Ms. McCrosky stated that the Armstrong, Indiana, and Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission works to make the public aware of the harmful effects of tobacco and smoking on the residents in the community. In addition to Protect Our Children From Secondhand Smoke Month, May 31st is also World No Tobacco Day. Through these holidays we encourage local community members to take a stand with us and spread the message about the negative consequences in tobacco use.

Mr. Fink commented on the fact that he was a former smoker and he now has three granddaughters and a new grandson so he is definitely glad he quit smoking.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2014-16 Protect Our Children From Secondhand Smoke Month.

ORDINANCE

Adopt Ordinance 2014-1 County of Armstrong Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for Implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act

Mr. Shepard stated that this is an agreement for the Department of Corrections for PREA the Prison Rape Elimination Act signed into law in 2003. It is very extensive and has taken many years to implement it in its entirety, and this is a way to prevent sexual assaults and sexual abuse in prisons and jails. All corrections

facilities are required to be in compliance with this law and audits will be conducted periodically to ensure compliance. Prison Board recently enacted a policy and procedures to achieve compliance. It is also required to have a third party recording hotline so inmates can confidentially report to someone outside the jail any incidents of sexual assault or abuse. Originally HAVIN was going to provide this service for us but PREA coordinator determined that his is not acceptable, so the Department of Corrections is establishing a Hotline at SCI Camphill. This intergovernmental agreement is to use that Hotline and the solicitor has advised us to adopt this ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2014-1 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Mr. Fink thanked the jail staff for all their hard work regarding the Rape Elimination Act. It was much needed because of many issues statewide and our staff and the solicitor put a lot of hours and thought into this to comply with the Department of Corrections.

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

Lease Agreement Freeport VFW

Ms. Talerico asked for the Board's approval for the Freeport Lease Agreement which is in the Freeport VFW facility. The Area Agency on Aging is very pleased that they have agreed to a three year lease with no increase. The Freeport VFW has been very supportive to the Senior Center.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners Approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Freeport VFW.

Modification #001 Senior Service America, Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a normal modification that Senior Service of America does on an annual basis. This modification increases the actual contract to \$13,545.00; this is based on the current and projected funding and is evaluated each year.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc.

Hermitage House Youth Services

Mr. Demangone stated that the Hermitage House is located in Edinboro PA. The County hasn't contacted or needed the Hermitage House for a few years but a situation has arisen from a certain youth and this particular placement resource is a good match for his needs.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Hermitage House Youth Services.

Revision for the 2012-2014 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Ms. Cornman stated that this budget revision is for the Emergency Solutions Grant which was applied for in 2012. The contract expires on August 20, 2014 and after looking at the budget it was determined that the greatest need would be Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention. Mr. Battaglia acknowledged that this was a timed situation and this was approved at the May 6th public work session.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the Revision for the 2012-2014 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.

Ms. Cowan stated that the County will be using Constellation NewEnergy for 41 of the County's electric accounts. This was approved at the May 6th public work session because time was of the essence. All the accounts will be enrolled for a June 1st start date. The contract is for three years and will begin on June 1, 2014 and end February 2017, with a fixed rate of 6.488 cents per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Fink acknowledged all the hard work that Ms. Cowan has done on these agreements; we would not have gotten this great rate if we hadn't approved at the May 6th public work session, so thanks goes out to Ms. Cowan.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Redevelopment Authority Board

Ms. Johnson stated that the Armstrong County Redevelopment Authority Board is a five member board and we are asking for two reappointments. The first is Mr. Bower to serve an additional 5 year term; he has been a member since 1984.

Mr. Battaglia commended Mr. Bower for being on the board and setting an example to others; we sincerely appreciate it.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia with Mr. Bower abstaining, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Robert T. Bower, 150 Southern Ave., Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire May 29, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Philip E. Tack, 316 St. Patrick Road, Worthington, PA 16262 to the Armstrong County Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire May 29, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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 9:16 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary