

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2025



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner John W. Strate, Commissioner Anthony G. Shea, Commissioner Pat Fabian, Aaron Poole – Chief Administrator, Karen Notto – Assistant Chief Administrator, Lisa Shaffer – Executive Director Area Agency on Aging, Carly Hileman – Children, Youth, and Family Services Fiscal Officer, Tim Miller – County Solicitor, Chris Ziegler – Experience Armstrong, Ron Baustert – Apollo Police, Jim Clawson – Apollo Borough Resident, Stephen Daub, Diane Whittaker, Shawna Cigola, Shelly Boback, Brianna Bailey, Eli Sproull, Kylie Simmons, Julie Wright – SEIU Employees Group, Cody Brubaker – SEIU Representative, A. J. Panian – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING REPORT

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 16, 2025, Commissioners' Meeting were approved.

FINANCE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of January 7, 2025, in the amount of \$433.61.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of January 14, 2025, in the amount of \$8,591.75.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Transactions for January 16, 2025

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the Personnel Transactions for January 16, 2025.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2025-01 – Remembrance of Officer Leonard Miller

Mr. Shea read the Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2025-01 – In Honor of Leonard Miller.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2025-02 Intent to Issue Tax Revenue Anticipation Note

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, adopted Resolution #2018-39 Revision to the County of Armstrong OBO Kittanning Borough FFY 2014 Community Development Block Grant to change the scope of the Fair Street Reconstruction Project.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

Sandra A. Fennell

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Shaffer, approved the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Sandra A. Fennell.

RICOH USA, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. McClafferty, acknowledged the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and RICOH USA, Inc.

FY 2024-2025 Counsel for Youth

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the FY 2024-2025 Counsel for Youth Agreements between the County of Armstrong and the following:

- Jamey Belin, Charlton Law, Counsel for Youth
- Andrew Cypher, Mechling & Heller, Counsel for Youth

FY 2024-2025 Placement Provider Purchase of Service

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the FY 2024-2025 Placement Provider Purchase of Service Agreements between the County of Armstrong and the following:

- Familylinks Amendment to FY 2024-2025 Purchase of Service Agreement – Pittsburgh, PA
- New Life Adolescents – Hillsdale, PA
- Pathway to Everyday Life Human Services – Hazelton, PA

APPOINTMENTS

Children, Youth, and Family Services Advisory Committee

- On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the reappointment of Ms. Kathy Snyder, 537 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to serve as Chairperson on the Children, Youth, and Family Services Advisory Committee, for a two-year term, to commence on January 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2026.
- On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the reappointment of Mr. Ed Cutts, 408 Fourth Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226, to serve on the Children, Youth, and Family Services Advisory Committee, for a two-year term, to commence on January 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2026.
- On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the reappointment of Mr. Phil Tack, 316 St. Patrick Road, Worthington, PA 16262, to serve on the Children, Youth, and Family Services Advisory Committee, for a two-year term, to commence on January 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2026.
- On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the reappointment of Ms. Sue Stiver, 4625 River Road, Worthville, PA 15784, to serve on the Children, Youth, and Family Services Advisory Committee, for a two-year term, to commence on January 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2026.

Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority

- On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the reappointment of Mr. Jaymie Oliver, 127 Heather Lane, Kittanning, PA 16201, to serve as Treasurer, on the Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority, for a five-year term, to commence on January 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2029.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Strate read a prepared statement related to negotiations with Children, Youth, and Family Services and Assessment employees who are part of the SEIU 668 group. Mr. Strate detailed the offer provided to this group as well as the pension and health benefits provided by the County.

OTHER BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the addition of an item related to Fees for Court Appointed Counsel.

Court Order Establishing Fees for Court Appointed Counsel

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the Court Order increasing Court Appointed Counsel Fees from \$70.00/hour to \$90.00/hour.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Chris Ziegler submitted a Request to Participate Form. Ms. Ziegler’s first item was to provide notice that Experience Armstrong has moved from their office from the Market Street, Kittanning location to 120 Grant Street, Kittanning. Her second item was related to Armstrong Trails, and the opening of four additional miles, which would complete the over 100-mile trail project. Ms. Ziegler concluded with the announcement that the Butler/Freeport trail extension is complete.
2. Breanna Bailey submitted a Request to Participate Form. On behalf of employees who are part of the SEIU 668 group, which includes CYF and Assessment employees, read a statement in which she thanked the Board of Commissioners for participating in the last negotiations meeting held on December 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Board of Commissioners’ Meeting at 9:25 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be held Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Aaron S. Poole, Chief Administrator

Pat Fabian, Secretary