

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2026**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner John W. Strate via phone, Commissioner Anthony G. Shea, Commissioner Pat Fabian, Karen Notto – Chief Clerk, Brigid Beatty – Assistant Director Planning and Development, Kathy Heilman – Deputy Executive Director Planning and Development, Allie Pence – Program Manager Planning and Development, James Webb – Elections Director/Chief Registrar, Jessica Hicks – Jail Warden, Chad Gradwell – 911 Coordinator, Jason Burns – Director Public Safety, Chase McClister – President Judge, Tim Miller – County Solicitor, Ronald Krhovsky – Constellation Energy, Tyler Conghenour – Constellation Energy, Regina Liermann – Resident, Brian Szep – ARDC, Dennis Phillips – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the addition of Regroup Mass Notification Agreement to the Agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session needed

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Regina Liermann submitted a Request for Participation Form to discuss item 12.d. under Agreements and Contracts. Ms. Liermann was asked if she could hold her comments until the Board reached that item during the meeting and possibly her questions would be answered. She agreed.

**MEETING REPORT**

**Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the February 5, 2026, 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 February 10, 2026, in the amount of \$14,008.22.

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 February 17, 2026, in the amount of \$81,895.69.

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

### Personnel Transactions for February 19, 2026

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the Personnel Transactions for February 19, 2026.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### Proclamation 2026-02

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2026-02 – Leona Elizabeth Ruffaner 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2025-09 Older Americans Month

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### Resolution 2026-06

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Pence, adopted Resolution #2026-06 – Revision of 2022 CDBG Fund.

### Resolution 2026-07

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2026 -07 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Allegheny River Development Corporation.

### Resolution 2026-08

On a motion by Mr. Shea to table, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners tabled action on Resolution #2026 -08 – Authorizing Collection of Certain Municipal Taxes by County Treasurer – Ford City Borough. No action taken.

## **AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS**

### Kaitlin Watson

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Webb, approved the agreement between the County of Armstrong and Kaitlin Watson.

### Justin Fair

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Warden Hicks, acknowledged the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Justin Fair.

Gilpin Township

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Strate, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the transfer of Gilpin-Leechburg Park to Gilpin Township. Motion passed 2 to 1. Mr. Fabian opposed.

Property Agreement

*Mr. Shea motioned, and seconded by Mr. Fabian, to go into Executive Session at 9:37 a.m. to discuss potential litigation.*

*Mr. Fabian motioned, and seconded by Mr. Shea to end Executive Session at 9:56 a.m.*

*No action taken*

On a motion by Mr. Shea to table, seconded by Mr. Strate, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners table action on Property Agreement. No action taken.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Regroup Mass Notification

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Gradwell, approved the Agreement with Regroup Mass Notification.

Mr. Shea noted he would like discussion on creating policy from virtual meetings in the absence of the Board Chairman. Mr. Fabian commented that the technology already in the room to hold virtual meetings. Possibly including the public to attend virtually.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session needed

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Liermann also brought to the Board's attention an article that appeared on February 17, 2026, in the Leader Times regarding Data Centers and water consumption. Discussion took place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Board of Commissioners' Meeting at 10:12 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held March 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Karen M. Notto, Chief Clerk

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Pat Fabian, Secretary