



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026, 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, Karen Notto – Chief Clerk, Tim Miller – County Solicitor, Frank Pitzer – Armstrong County Sheriff, Lisa Shaffer – Executive Director Area Agency on Aging, Paula McClure – Administrator Children Youth and Family Services, Tammy Calderone – Administrator Armstrong-Indiana BDHP, Dakota Mohny and Mark Brice – Deputy Sheriffs, Frank Bratkovich – Brady's Bend Township, Greg Baker and Steve Baker – Kittanning Township Fire Department, Erica Bowser and Page Hockenberry – Armstrong County Community Action, - Dennis Phillips – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

No Agenda Amendments needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

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 August 6, 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 August 11, 2026, in the amount of \$3,019.52.

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 August 18, 2026, in the amount of \$6,904.50.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Transactions for August 20, 2026

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the Personnel Transactions for August 20, 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2026-18 – 50th Anniversary Dayton Area Local History Society Marshall House Museum

Mr. Shea read the Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2026-18 50th Anniversary Dayton Area Local History Society Marshall House Museum.

Proclamation 2026-19 – Sheena Black Day

Mr. Fabian read the Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2026-19 Sheena Black Day.

Proclamation 2026-20 – Kittanning Township VFD 60th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Shea read the Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2026-20 Kittanning Township VFD 60th Anniversary Celebration.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-18 – Armstrong County 4-H Development – Penn State Extension – Marcellus Legacy Allocation

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2026-18 – Armstrong County 4-H Development – Penn State Extension – Marcellus Legacy Allocation.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

County of Westmoreland

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. McClure, approved the Purchase of Service Agreement Secure Detention Facility between the County of Armstrong and County of Westmoreland.

Andrew Cypher, Esquire

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. McClure, approved the Counsel for Youth Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Andrew Cypher, Esquire.

Family Acts, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. McClure, approved the FY 2025-2026 Professional Service Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Family Acts, Inc.

Armstrong County Community Action Agency

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. McClure, approved the 2026-2027 Professional Services Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Armstrong County Community Action Agency.

FY 2026-2027 Professional Service Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. McClure, approved the FY 2026-2027 Professional Service Agreements between the County of Armstrong and the following providers:

- A Second Chance Counseling - Greensburg, PA
- Foster Parent College/Northwest Media, Inc. – Eugene, OR
- Carol Patterson, M.Ed. – Youngstown, PA
- Terry O'Hara, Ph.D. – Pittsburgh, PA
- Glade Run Lutheran Services – Zelienople, PA
- JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc. – Pittsburgh, PA
- Family Acts, Inc. – Ford City, PA

FY 2026-2027 Placement Provider Purchase of Service Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. McClure, approved the FY 2026-2027 Placement Provider Purchase of Service Agreements between the County of Armstrong and the following providers:

- Adoption Connection, PA – Wall, PA
- Bethany Christian Services of Western Pennsylvania – Wexford, PA
- Children's Aid Home Programs – Somerset, PA
- Keystone Adolescent Center – Greenville, PA

Armstrong County Human Services Block Grant – Armstrong-Indiana BDHP

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Calderone, approved the Armstrong County Human Services Block Grant – Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program.

LIFE Programs, Lutheran Senior Life

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 Contract between the County of Armstrong and LIFE Programs, Lutheran Senior Life.

Chubb

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, tabled any action on the policy renewal with Chubb to obtain additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Fabian commented on the recent media report regarding an Apollo resident allegedly voting twice in a past presidential election. County Solicitor Tim Miller commended that the individual who was the subject of the report is actually a resident of Westmoreland County. Apollo addresses are in both Armstrong and Westmoreland County.
- Mr. Fabian announced the Armstrong County District Attorney signed a 287(g) ICE Agreement, notifying the Board of Commissioners a week ago. The County has consulted with the County insurance carrier for coverage details. Mr. Fabian asked the County Solicitor Tim Miller to comment, who stated according to County Code that any Agreement should be signed by the Board of Commissioners, approved at a public meeting. Mr. Shea commented he was in favor of the 287(g) ICE agreement but wanted to better understand the legal exposure and insurance implications.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 9:36 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Karen M. Notto, Chief Clerk

Pat Fabian, Secretary