

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**June 17, 2010**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick and Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Dave Croyle – Kittanning Paper, Chad Puz – Family Life TV, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Sally Conklin – Planning Division Coordinator, Armstrong county Planning & Development, Don Pepler – Manager, Armstrong County Financial and Special Projects, Chris Brewer – Partner, Dinsmore Shohl, LLP, Jay Wenger, Susquehanna Group and via video conference: Commissioner James V. Scahill,

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the minutes for the June 3, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that Mr. Scahill will be joining the meeting remotely from his location on the Wounded Warrior Walk.

**BID AWARD**

Leechburg Senior Center Renovation Bids

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, the County Commissioners acknowledged the Leechburg Senior Center Bid award to CNC Construction, Inc. of Penn Run. Ms. Talerico stated that their bid was the lowest responsible bid \$24,900.00. Due to time constraints on funding the bid had been approved at a prior public work session.

County Bridges Maintenance Bids

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of Mr. Braun, the County Commissioners acknowledged the County Bridge Maintenance Bid to Rhino Construction of Lower Burrell. Their bid was for \$73,450.00, the money will be paid from the Liquid Fuels account.

**CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

Armstrong Court Association of Professional Employees (ACAPE)

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on updates based on the arbitration award and the recommendation of, the County Commissioners approved

the agreement between Armstrong County and the Armstrong Court Association of Professional Employees (ACAPE). Ms. Koleny stated that this is a three year contract from January 2010 to December 2012.

Change Order #1 Yatesboro Fourth Street Waterline Replacement Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, the County Commissioners approved the Change Order #1 for the Yatesboro Fourth Street Waterline Replacement Project between Armstrong County and Tim Fouse Excavating. Ms. Johnson explained that the project is completed and this change order will re-delegate the surplus funds from the project. The project was completed \$1,860.00 under budget.

Change Order #2 Sagamore First and Second Streets Waterline Replacement Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, the County Commissioners approved the Change Order #2 for the Sagamore First and Second Streets Waterline Replacement Project between Armstrong County and Rankin & Son Excavating, Inc. Ms. Johnson stated that this change order will decrease the project cost by \$2,090.00.

Change Order #2 Mahoning Township Sewage Project Phase II – Village of Seminole Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, the County Commissioners approved the Change Order #2 for the Sagamore First and Second Streets Waterline Replacement Project between Armstrong County and Rankin & Son Excavating, Inc. Ms. Johnson explained that this project also includes money from H2O and Pennvest. The project cost has increased by \$51,716.10, the increase will be paid for by the township's H2O fund.

Change Order #1 Kittanning Borough Multiple Paving Projects

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, the County Commissioners approved the Change Order #1 for the Kittanning Borough Multiple Paving Projects between Armstrong County and Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. Ms. Johnson stated that the change order for \$26,373.08 will provide payment for improvements to the project and will be covered by the borough's CDBG funds.

Amendment of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant for Phase II of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Conklin, the County Commissioners approved the amendment of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant for Phase II of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Project. Ms. Conklin announced that they have received an additional \$15,000.00 in grant funding for Phase II of the OHV project. She described Phase I as reviewing properties and establishing right of ways.

### Addendum #2 to the Contract for Phase II of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Conklin, the County Commissioners approved the Addendum #2 to the Contract for Phase II of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Project. Ms. Conklin stated that there were criteria points that had to be met for the project to progress. She quoted the contract amount for the Pashek Study to be \$25,780.00 and to be completed within approximately ninety days.

### Contract for the Belmont Arena with Armstrong County YMCA, Burnt Ridge Bow and Gun Club and East Franklin Township Fire Hall

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, the County Commissioners approved the contract for use of the Belmont Arena among Armstrong County and the Armstrong County YMCA, Burnt Ridge Bow and Gun Club and East Franklin Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Montebell stated the contract will cover set up on Friday, the Lonestar concert Saturday and removal of equipment on Sunday. He clarified that the pool will be closed on Saturday.

### **RESOLUTION**

#### Resolution 2010-13 Amending Resolution 2010-7 to Terminate Swapation and Authorize Fixed Receiver Swap

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Pepler, Mr. Wenger and Mr. Brewer the County Commissioners approved resolution 2010-13 amending Resolution 2010-7 to terminate swapation and authorize fixed receiver swap. Mr. Pepler stated that the purpose is to clarify and amend the previous resolution. He also announced that the county received their bond rating, which was an "A". Mr. Wenger explained that receiving a high bond rating will benefit the county now and in future bond transactions. Mr. Wenger presented a review of the transactions that have taken place and how they related to upcoming transactions.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kirkpatrick described the Wounded Warrior Project that Mr. Scahill has been traveling with. The walk across Pennsylvania will continue for almost two weeks in an effort to raise awareness and funds for wounded soldiers and their families.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments or questions.

Mr. Fink described the equipment that will enable meetings through teleconferencing to save time and travel expenses. He stated that in the future they will have the public meetings posted on line. Mr. Fink later thanked the press for the coverage of the Climax Bridge Project.

Ms. Kirkpatrick described the current hearings being held by the representatives for roads and bridges funding. She stated that there is a hearing in Clarion scheduled for today and that tomorrow she is scheduled to testify at a hearing in Monroeville. Ms. Kirkpatrick recognized the

mission statement of the Board of Commissioners for financial responsibility to the taxpayers. She thanked every department head and employee for their efforts in helping achieve financial responsibility and the result of an excellent bond rating. Ms. Kirkpatrick acknowledged the wall reconstruction project and the necessary changes to the flow of traffic and entrance to the Courthouse.

Mr. Croyle requested clarification of the Broad Band Project and Radio Funding. The Board clarified that the Regional Broadband Alliance is still actively involved in the grant process. They stated that the Radio Project is state mandated and must continue, but the grant would permit a county wide overlay of the broadband to enhance the radio project.

Mr. Croyle then asked about Mr. Scahill's attendance at the PA Heroes' Walk. Mr. Scahill appeared via the video conference and was able to reply that he has been actively participating via phone and video conferencing.

Mr. Scahill introduced State Representative John Pallone. He also introduced Cindy Girdano the mother of Specialist Michael Girdano, an Armstrong County soldier who was killed in service and the widow of Bob Girdano who walked the entire journey last year, who was killed in a vehicle accident last fall. The Board of Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Girdano for her work. Mr. Al Pulice then appeared on the screen to describe the wonderful receptions they have received as they journey across the state. He said they plan to enter Apollo on June 25<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to attend a reception at 6:00 PM at Owens Grove. The final walk is June 26, 2010 with a seven mile walk beginning at Kiski High School. Mr. Pulice invited everyone to join them, and stated he is hoping to have over one thousand walkers accompany them. Mr. Scahill then dedicated this year's walk in honor of Mr. Bob Girdano, stating that he was so inspirational last year and is greatly missed.

## **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:19 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 1:30 PM.