

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 18, 2018



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 AT 9:30 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Pat Fabian, Commissioner Jason Renshaw, Commissioner George J. Skamai, Daniel Lucovich – Executive Director of Administration, Aaron Poole – Financial/Special Projects Manager, Debra Whiteman, Office Manager, Myra Miller - Controller, Jon Andreassi – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Brigid Beatty – Planning and Development, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Planning and Development, Sally Conklin – Planning and Development, Ron Baustert – 9-1-1 Coordinator, Becky Feracioly – Public Safety, Evan Keener – 9-1-1 Dispatcher, William Hamilton – Director of Public Works, Dave Rupert – Conservation District, Heidi Krigar – Conservation District

Commissioner Fabian announced that Jon Andreassi, Leader Times was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES / REPORTS

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Skamai and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 4, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting were approved.

It was noted that the Board of Commissioners meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Whiteman, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of January 9, 2018 in the mount of \$4,920.40.

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Whiteman, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of January 16, 2018 in the mount of \$28,524.56.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Transactions for January 18, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, approved the Personnel Transactions for January 18, 2018.

Certificate of Recognition

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carries unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved presenting an Outstanding Certificate to Mr. Evan Keener for his outstanding performance in helping bring a new life into the world on January 4, 2018 while performing his duties as a 911 dispatcher.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #2018-02 to extend term of Ordinance No. 2009-08 pertaining to Leechburg Borough, to provide for tax abatements for property tax on certain commercial, industrial, retail or other business property under LERTA for an additional ten(10) year period and being retroactive to August 3, 2014 until August 3, 2024.

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Palilla, adopted Resolution #2018-02 to extend term of Ordinance No. 2009-08 pertaining to Leechburg Borough, to provide for tax abatements for property tax on certain commercial, industrial, retail or other business property under LERTA for an additional ten (10) year period and being retroactive to August 3, 2014 until August 3, 2024.

Resolution #2018-03 to extend term of Ordinance No. 2010-07 pertaining to Parks Township, that expanded the improvement area boundaries to be included in the tax abatements for property tax on certain commercial, industrial, retail or other business property under LERTA for an additional ten (10) year period retroactive to September 21, 2016 for an extension of the established LERTA Zone from September 21, 2016 until September 21, 2026.

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Skamai and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Palilla, adopted Resolution #2018-03 to extend term of Ordinance No. 2010-07 pertaining to Parks Township, that expanded the improvement area boundaries to be included in the tax abatements for property tax on certain commercial, industrial, retail or other business property under LERTA for an additional ten (10) year period retroactive to September 21, 2016 for an extension of the established LERTA Zone from September 21, 2016 until September 21, 2026.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Senate Engineering

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Palilla, approved the proposed agreement between Armstrong County and Senate Engineering for \$2,680 to prepare plans for the repair of Justice Lane as well as complete contract administration for the Jail Road and Justice Lane paving project.

Gulotta Group

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Palilla, approved the proposal agreement between Armstrong County and Gulotta Group for consulting services-formation of a land bank for a fee not to exceed \$7,000 (\$6000 fee plus \$1,000 expenses).

Folino Construction Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Skamai and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,237.63 (increase) for the Sampson Street Project Contract with A. Folino Construction Inc.

Farmland Preservation

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Skamai and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the Certification of County Funds for 2018 Program Year for Farmland Preservation.

Tetra Tech, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Hamilton, approved the Professional Services Contract between Armstrong County and Tetra Tech, Inc.

APPOINTMENTS

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the re-appointment of Mr. Paul Stubrick, 291 Cravener Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire March 1, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS

Timothy R. Miller, Assistant District Attorney

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, approved the Legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Timothy R. Miller Esquire, as an Assistant District Attorney at a cost of \$2,400.00 a month.

Preston T. Younkins, Public Defender

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the Legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Preston T. Younkins Esquire, as Public Defender at a cost of \$3,900.00 a month.

Charles A. Pascal, Assistant Public Defender

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the Legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Charles A. Pascal Esquire, as Assistant Public Defender at a cost of \$2,660.00 a month.

James H. Wray, Assistant Public Defender

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the Legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and James H. Wray Esquire, as Assistant Public Defender at a cost of \$3,000.00 a month.

Debra L. Yost, Assistant Public Defender

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the Legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Debra L. Yost Esquire, as Assistant Public Defender at a cost of \$2,660.00 a month.

Paula Caruso LaStrapes, Attorney Public Defender

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Paula Caruso LaStrapes Esquire, as Attorney for the Public Defender Office at a cost of \$2,400.00 a month.

Andrew Sacco, County Solicitor

On a motion by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the legal Services Contract between Armstrong County and Andrew Sacco Esquire, as County Solicitor at a cost of \$2,700.00 a month.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Krigar stated that the 2018 Annual Tree and Seedling Sale has Begun. All orders must be received with payment in full by March 16, 2018. Distribution of orders will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Lenape Tech School.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Skamai, seconded by Mr. Renshaw and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Board of Commissioners' Meeting at 10:00 am. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held February 1, 2018, at 9:30 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Daniel P. Lucovich,
Executive Director of Administration

George J. Skamai, Secretary