

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
October 15, 2020



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020, AT 9:00 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Donald K. Myers, Commissioner Jason Renshaw, Commissioner Pat Fabian, Aaron Poole – Chief Administrator, Karen Kintz – Assistant Chief Administrator, Myra Miller – Controller, Darin Alviano – Executive Director Planning and Development, JoEllen Bowman – Executive Director HAVIN, Laurie Johns – Assistant Director HAVIN, Beth Gradwell – Manor Park Terrace, Linda “Charly” King – Manor Park Terrace, Edward Flanders – Citizen, Nicholas Vercilla – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator

Commissioner Myers announced that Nicholas Vercilla, Leader Times was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES / REPORTS

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the October 1, 2020, Commissioners' Meeting were approved.

FINANCE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Kintz, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of October 6, 2020, in the amount of \$6,705.64.

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Kintz, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of October 13, 2020, in the amount of \$4,685.53.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Transactions for October 15, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the Personnel Transactions for October 15, 2020.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2020-15 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mr. Fabian read the Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation #2020-15 Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Change of Polling Place/North Buffalo Township (Permanent)

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Kuznik, approved the Permanent Change of Polling Place for North Buffalo Township West to Center Hill Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall.

Changes of Polling Places – Atwood Borough, Elderton Borough, Manor Township South #2, Mahoning Township (Temporary)

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Kuznik, approved the Temporary Change of Polling Places as follows:

- Atwood Borough to Lower Garage at Elderton Fire Hall
- Elderton Borough to Lower Garage at Elderton Fire Hall
- Manor Township South #2 to Manor Township Fire Hall
- Mahoning Township to Mahoning Township Shed

WB Mason Company Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and WB Mason Company Inc.

APPOINTMENTS

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the appointment of Mr. Brian Kozlosky, 2 Krew Security & Surveillance, 177 S. Jefferson Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Tri-County Workforce Development Board (Business Category) for a term expiring September 30, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the appointment of Mr. Chuck Wetmore, CEO/Owner HPP, Inc., 1136 Industrial Park Road, Vandergrift, PA 15690, to the Tri-County Workforce Development Board (Business Category) for a term expiring September 30, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the appointment of Mr. Steven Atwood, Assistant Business Agency/Organizer, Iron Workers Local Union #3, 2201 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, to the Tri-County Workforce Development Board (Labor Category) for a term expiring September 30, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Renshaw, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the appointment of Mr. Mark Toy, Business Manager, Labors, District Council of Western Pennsylvania Union #952, 1425 Forbes Avenue #550, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, to the Tri-County Workforce Development Board (Labor Category) for a term expiring September 30, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fabian spoke on the issue of recycling, specifically the discontinuance of glass collection, temporary reduction to the hours of operation at the Recycling Center, the significant cost to the county to dispose of non-recyclable trash left at the Recycling Center and possible partnership with Vogel Disposal.

Mr. Fabian also addressed the upcoming election noting the cause for delays in mailing ballots. Mr. Fabian asked for patience and looked to Ms. Kuznik for additional comment on the Election. Noting voting option, providing details surrounding the delay in mailing of ballots. Mr. Fabian asked for patience and turned to Ms. Kuznik for an update.

Ms. Kuznik provided information on ballot box drop-off location, options for voting including the opportunity for early voting. She spoke about the process leading up to the printing and mailing of the official ballot, handling of voted ballots, training polling place workers. She also stated if polling places change, voters affected will be notified by postcard. Ms. Miller asked if there have been any issues with ballots received to date. Ms. Kuznik stated there have been none.

Mr. Poole announced that instructional videos have been uploaded to the county Website. Ms. Kuznik noted her appreciation to the voters for their understanding amidst many obstacles. Mr. Myers urged voters to visit the County website for important updates. He emphasized that the polls are open and safe.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Beth Gradwell and Ms. Linda “Charly” King representing Manor Park Terrace spoke in opposition to the proposed site for construction of a Dollar General store in Manor Township because of local ordinance. Mr. Alviano stated there is no ordinance or issues prohibiting the construction. PennDOT has recommended a left hand turning lane and signage. Who is working with SPC for funding.

Mr. Edward Flanders spoke about the continuing water issues at his business/residence as well as the homes of his neighbors. Mr. Alviano asked for his patience and stated there have been visits to the property by County staff and the Conservation District and that he is making calls on behalf of him and the residents affected.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Renshaw, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adjourned the Board of Commissioners’ Meeting at 9:59 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners’ Meeting will be held on November 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Aaron S. Poole, Chief Administrator

Pat Fabian, Secretary