

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 AT 11:00 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner John Strate, Commissioner Anthony Shea, Commissioner Pat Fabian, Aaron Poole – Chief Administrator, Karen Kintz – Assistant Chief Administrator, Darin Alviano – Executive Director Planning/Economic Development; Jason Renshaw – Citizen, Darlene Smail – Citizen, Randall Cloak – ASD Teacher, ASD AP Government Class Students Logan Hooks, Shelby Cloak, Isaac Zielinski, Nathan Ferraro, Chloe Armstrong, Makayla Jeffers, Harper Volk, Wyatt Prunty, Kiefer Riskosky, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, AJ Panian - Leader Times (recording).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randal Cloak, ASD Teacher thanked the Board of Commissioners for inviting them to attend.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, John Strate was appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

On a motion by Mr. Strate, seconded by Mr. Shea, Anthony Shea was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Fabian opposed.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Strate, and carried unanimously, Pat Fabian was appointed Secretary of the Board of Commissioners.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CLERK

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, Aaron Poole was appointed Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Strate, and carried unanimously, Andrew Sacco was appointed Solicitor to the Board of Commissioners until January 31, 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

On a motion by Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, Elizabeth Christopher, Esquire, was appointed Armstrong County Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, John Strate was appointed to the Conservation District Board of Directors

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Commissioners' Public Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Strate, and carried unanimously, the 2024 Commissioners' Public Meeting schedule was approved as follows: Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Salary Board Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Strate, and carried unanimously, the 2024 Salary Board Meeting schedule was approved as follows: Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Prison Board Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the 2024 Prison Board Meeting schedule was approved as follows: Meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Jail Conference Room.

Retirement Board Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the 2024 Retirement Board Meeting schedule was approved as follows: Friday, January 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m, Wednesday, March 13, Wednesday, June 12, Wednesday, September 11, and Wednesday, December 11 all beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

OTHER BUSINESS

Election Board Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, after discussion, recurring Election Board Meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at a time to be determined after Salary Board Meetings.

Department Head/Elected Official Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, after discussion, action on recurring Department Head/Elected Official Meetings was tabled. No action taken.

Educational Partner Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Strate, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, after discussion, action on Educational Partner Meetings was tabled. No action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fabian announced that Andrew Sacco's resignation as Solicitor is effective January 31, 2024. The position of Solicitor was advertised with a cutoff date of January 15, 2024 for interested individuals to submit a letter of interest.

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' Organizational Meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Aaron S. Poole, Chief Administrator

Pat Fabian, Secretary