

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 3, 2024



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024, 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, Aaron Poole – Chief Administrator, Mike Mollick – Director Public Safety, Chad Gradwell – 911 Coordinator, Carly Hileman – Fiscal Officer CYFS, James Webb – Elections Director/Chief Registrar, Annette Bowser – Prothonotary, Lori Hirst – Register and Recorder, Lisa Shaffer – Executive Director Area Agency on Aging, Cathleen Beere – Chief Assessor, Elizabeth Johns – Tax Claim Director, Gary Montebell – Director Belmont Complex, Bill Braun, Kevin Brett, Josh Callender, Dalton Mack - LSSE, Dennis Phillips – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING REPORT

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the September 5, 2024, 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 Mr. Poole, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of September 10, 2024, in the amount of \$16,053.30.

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of September 17, 2024, in the amount of \$57,386.71.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$42,518.25.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of October 1, 2024, in the amount of \$60,724.84.

Financial Transactions for September 2024

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, acknowledged the financial transactions for September 2024.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Transactions for October 3, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, approved the Personnel Transactions for October 3, 2024.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2024-09 Transportation Demand Management Week – September 16 through September 2024.

Mr. Shea read the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2024-09 Transportation Demand Management Week – September 16 through September 20, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-37 Leechburg Volunteer Fire Department – Team 150 Water Rescue and Dive Recovery – Marcellus Legacy Allocation

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners based on the recommendation of Mr. Poole, adopted Resolution #2024-37 Leechburg Volunteer Fire Department – Team 150 Water Rescue and Dive Recovery – Marcellus Legacy Allocation.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

Joseph Larry Rice, Jr.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Gradwell, approved the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Joseph Larry Rice, Jr.

Snyder Brothers Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, 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 Snyder Brothers Inc.

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 538 (Residual Group)

A motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Strate, to ratify the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union 538. The Motion failed 2 to 1. Mr. Fabian opposed.

Discussion on the issue began with Mr. Fabian making a motion to table due to overage on offer, and to include nursing staff at Armstrong County Jail to receive higher wage. Mr. Shea is in favor since County gave their word, and is in favor of separate MOU for Jail nursing staff. Mr. Strate noted we gave our word, but did not think the union gave a fair distribution. Mr. Fabian asked that County not offer money to union in future.

Amateur Armstrong Hockey League

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, acknowledged the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Amateur Armstrong Hockey League.

Freeport Area Hockey Boosters

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, acknowledged the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Freeport Area Hockey Boosters.

Dr. Judith Rein

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Shaffer, acknowledged the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Dr. Judith Rein.

FY 2024-2025 Professional Service Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Shea, and seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the FY 2024-2025 Professional Service Agreements.

- ARIN IU 28 – Indiana, PA
- Family Services & Children’s Aid Society of Venango County – Oil City, PA

FY 2024-2025 Placement Provider Purchase of Service Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Shea, and seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Hileman, approved the FY 2024-2025 Placement Provider Purchase of Service Agreements.

- Centre County Youth Service Bureau – State College, PA
- Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC – Pittsburgh, PA
- Familylinks, Inc. – Pittsburgh, PA
- The Bair Foundation – York, PA
- Adelphoi Village, Inc. – Latrobe, PA
- Community Specialists Corp. – Pittsburgh, PA
- Summit School, Inc. – Pittsburgh, PA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elections Director/Chief Registrar, James Webb, announced the last day to register to vote, to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election is October 21, 2024, and last day to submit an application to request a mail-in ballot is October 29, 2024. Mr. Webb noted that November 5 at 8:00 p.m. is the deadline to bring ballots to the Elections Office. Mailed ballots need to be postmarked no later than November 5, 2024.

Bill Braun of LSSE announced his retirement. He has worked in the field since 1988.

John Strate asked those present to remember those affected by the flooding in the South.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Board of Commissioners' Meeting at 9:29 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held October 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Aaron S. Poole, Chief Administrator

Pat Fabian, Secretary