



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 1, 2026

THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026, 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, Karen Notto – Chief Clerk, Tim Miller – County Solicitor, Allie Pence – Assistant Director Community Development Planning and Development, George Skamai – Business Retention/Recycling Manager Planning and Development, James Webb – Elections Director/Chief Registrar, Gary Montebell – Director Belmont Complex, Lisa Shaffer – Executive Director Area Agency on Aging, Frank Pitzer – Armstrong County Sheriff, Crystal Long – Family Services Department Manager Armstrong Community Action Agency Partnership, Samantha Johns – Marketing Manager Armstrong County Community Action Partnership, Kim Campbell and Austin Dunbar Hose Co. #6 Kittanning, Kieran Woynicz – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

No Agenda Amendments needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING REPORT

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the September 17, 2026, 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 Ms. Notto, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of September 22, 2026, in the amount of \$436,955.90.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, acknowledged the purchase orders for the week of September 29, 2026, in the amount of \$9,844.70.

Financial Transactions for September 2026

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, acknowledged the financial transactions for September 2026.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Personnel Transactions for September 17, 2026

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the Personnel Transactions for September 17, 20XX.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2026-22 – 125th Anniversary Kittanning Hose Company #6 Fire Department and 66th Anniversary Kittanning Hose Company #6 Ambulance

Mr. Shea read the Proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Proclamation #2026-22 125th Anniversary Kittanning Hose Company #6 Fire Department and 66th Anniversary Hose Company #6 Ambulance Service.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-21 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2026-21 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Resolution 2026-22 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Kittanning Hometown Holiday Events

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2026-22 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Kittanning Hometown Holiday Events.

Resolution 2026-23 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Armstrong Center for Community Learning

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2026-23 – Marcellus Legacy Allocation – Armstrong Center for Community Learning.

Resolution 2026-24 – Modification to County of Armstrong FFY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2026-24 – Modification to County of Armstrong FFY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

BID AWARD

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, for discussion, the Board of Commissioners based on the recommendation of Mr. Alviano, the motion was amended by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, to reject the only bid received on the basis that the bid amount exceeded the amount of the grant funds received by the County for the Belmont Complex Pool Renovation Project, and to re-advertise for bids.

ALLOCATION OF FFY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING

On a motion by Mr. Fabian, seconded by Mr. Shea, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the allocation of FFY 2026 CDBG funds to Apollo Borough North 4th Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$254,136.00.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, approved the Partnership Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Laura L. Adams

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, approved the Service Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Laura L. Adams.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Agriculture

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Long, acknowledged Amendment #1 to Program Management Agreement for the Emergency Food Assistance Program, between the County of Armstrong and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Agriculture (Armstrong County Community Action Partnership)

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League (PIHL)

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, approved the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League (PIHL).

Freeport Area Hockey Boosters

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

Amateur Armstrong Hockey League (AAHL)

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

Three Rivers Hockey Club LLC d/b/a Three Rivers Aces

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, approved the Agreement between the County of Armstrong and Three Rivers Hockey Club LLC d/b/a Three Rivers Aces.

Infocon/Harris

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Notto, approved Maintenance Agreements between the County of Armstrong and Infocon/Harris as follows:

- Security Preservation File System
- Prothonotary System Devices

Dr. Judith Rein

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

Derry Construction Co., Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Skamai, approved Change Order 2 between the County of Armstrong and Derry Construction Co., Inc.

Section 504 Officer

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, designated Allie Pence as the Section 504 Officer on their own behalf and the behalf of its entitlement communities of Kiskiminetas Township and Manor Township as well as its non-entitlement communities.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Community and Economic Development

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Fabian, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Alviano, acknowledged the Community Development Block Grant Program Contract between the County of Armstrong and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Community and Economic Development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fabian made a statement about the 287(g) not be a legitimate agreement as it did not come through a public meeting, adding that there would be no insurance coverage for workers when working under the 287(g) agreement. Mr. Fabian also said the designation should be removed from the federal website. Mr. Shea would like to have a meeting with the District Attorney. Mr. Strate also would like a meeting and while not opposed to the Agreement but wants it to go through the proper process. The County Solicitor, Tim Miller, will send a Memo to the District Attorney stating the Board of Commissioners' position and request a meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

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' Meeting at 9:25 a.m. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Karen M. Notto, Chief Clerk

Pat Fabian, Secretary