

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE COUNTY OF JACKSON, ILLINOIS**

**February 22, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of the County of Jackson, Illinois was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting regular monthly business. The meeting was held at the Housing Authority offices located at 300 North Seventh Street, Murphysboro, Illinois.

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Acting Chairwoman Jennie Crawshaw called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw, Commissioner Brenda Hinton and Commissioner Mary Campbell. Absent was Chairwoman Mickey Korando and Commissioner Larry Reinhardt. Also present were Director Tyler Young, Jr., Assistant Director Rosemary Finnegan and Attorney John Clemons.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Property Manager Oueida Mills was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinton to approve the minutes; which motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Upon roll call the ayes were three, nays none. Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the motion carried and the minutes of January 25, 2017 were approved as published.

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

Bills for January 2017 were presented to the Board for approval of payment. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to approve the payment of the bills, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinton. Upon roll call the ayes were three, nays none. Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the motion carried and the payment of bills for January 2017 were approved for payment as shown on the attached lists.

**Old Business**

At this time there was no Old Business.

**New Business**

Executive Director Young informed the Board that he had received a request from Gary Hill of Cherry Hill Realty to provide a letter of support. Executive Director Young stated that Mr. Hill owns Prairie Living and is applying to expand an additional 30-40 apartments at that facility for specialized care for Alzheimer's and related dementia patients. Executive Director Young stated that the letter he had provided to the Board was a sample letter sent to him, not one that he had written. Executive Director Young stated that he wanted to bring this to the Board's attention as it has to do with some form of housing. After discussion, a motion was made Commissioner Hinton that the Authority provide a letter of support to Mr. Hill, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Upon roll call the ayes were three, nays none. Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the motion carried.

**Reports**

**Capital Fund Program**

Assistant Director Finnegan informed the Board that the Capital Fund Program Report was the green sheet at the end of the packet. Executive Director Young reviewed and summarized the Capital Fund Program report for the Board.

**Attorney**

Attorney Clemons stated that there was nothing in particular ongoing in this thirty-day period. Attorney Clemons stated that the Authority was down on convictions, but that had court tomorrow with three cases, but have also dismissed several. Commissioner Hinton asked if residents have to pay court costs if they come in and pay beforehand. Assistant Director Finnegan stated that it depends on how far they have gotten down the pipe with summons and things like that. Attorney Clemons informed the Board that effective June 1<sup>st</sup> Jackson County begins electronic filing of cases.

### **Executive Director**

Executive Director Young informed the Board that the Union Contract is up on June 30<sup>th</sup> and that the Authority will begin negotiations in the next few months.

Executive Director Young informed the Board that Assistant Director Finnegan will be starting to put together the budget for the next fiscal year.

Executive Director Young informed the Board that the March meeting includes the Public Hearing and Annual Plan for the Authority, which must be submitted to HUD. Executive Director Young stated it is important that there is a quorum for that meeting.

Executive Director Young informed the Board that as of last Thursday, there were 670 occupied units. Executive Director Young stated that the Section 8 Program numbers are up – which is sometimes to the detriment of the Authority. Executive Director Young stated that the last time he talked with Section 8 Program Manager Kim Herrin there were 387 vouchers in play and an additional 38 voucher out on the street, where people were looking for places. Executive Director Young stated he had done some research and in the last 12 months the Authority lost approximately 24 residents to the Section 8 Program and if you went back an additional 6 months – to mid-2015 – the total was 32. Executive Director Young stated that sometimes they do come back to the Public Housing Program as they find the utilities are higher and the maintenance – as much as they may complain about our maintenance – they find the landlords do not respond as quickly to maintenance issues.

### **Executive Session**

At this time there was no need for an Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

After a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried, Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary