

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

August 24, 2016

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of the County of Jackson, Illinois was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 6:00 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 5:55 p.m. with the following members present: Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw, Commissioner Brenda Hinton, Commissioner Larry Reinhardt and Commissioner Mary Campbell. Absent was Chairwoman Mickey. Also present were Executive Director Tyler Young, Assistant Director Rosemary Finnegan and Attorney John Clemons.

Introduction of Visitors

There were no visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to approve the minutes; which motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Upon roll call the ayes were four, nays none. Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the motion carried and the minutes of July 27, 2016 were approved as published.

Approval of Payment of Bills

Bills for July 2016 were presented to the Board for approval of payment. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hinton to approve the payment of the bills, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Upon roll call the ayes were four, nays none. Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the motion carried and the payment of bills for July 2016 were approved for payment as shown on the attached lists.

Old Business

At this time there was no Old Business

New Business

First on the Agenda was a Request from the Hudson Family to Name Access Road in AMP 4/IL53-14 Carbondale after Troy Hudson. Executive Director Young stated that this is a private road that goes back to the community room. Executive Director Young explained that Troy Hudson was a basketball player who grew up in the Lake Heights area, attended S.I.U. and was on three professional basketball teams. Executive Director Young stated that all the Housing units have a Lake Heights or East College address, there is one unit that runs parallel to this access road but the back of the unit faces the road. There followed discussion regarding what steps have to be taken in regards to naming a street and 911 and a discussion of maybe renaming the Community Center. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hinton to table the item until the next meeting, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Upon roll call the ayes were four, nays none. Acting Chairwoman Crawshaw declared the motion carried.

Reports

Capital Fund Program

Executive Director Young reviewed and summarized the Capital Fund report for the Board.

Attorney

Attorney Clemons stated that it has slowed down this month - there were 9 filings last month, but only 3 filings this month. Attorney Clemons stated that there are a couple of residents that have worked out

agreements with the Authority and are staying. Attorney Clemons stated that in regards to the Grand Tower matter he had done some research and contacted the Grand Tower City Attorney. Attorney Clemons stated that he was sent full copies of the ordinances yesterday, so he will provide a legal opinion when completed with his research. Attorney Clemons stated that according to the City Attorney the City Council is not happy with the Housing Authority. Assistant Director Finnegan stated it's because of the Authority wanting to demolish the units in Grand Tower. Executive Director Young stated that HUD is insisting that if the Authority can not keep the unit occupied that the Authority should demolish them.

Executive Director

Executive Director Young stated that to continue the Grand Tower conversation he informed the Board that he went with Property Manager Judy Patterson to the City Council meeting a couple weeks ago. Executive Director Young stated that the City Council is concerned about the impact this will have on the City's budget. There followed a discussion regarding the City trying to charge the Authority for previous resident's outstanding gas bills. There was also a discussion regarding advertising the Grand Tower units for sale rather than demolishing them.

Executive Director Young stated that the Authority has a 1996 and a couple of 1998 Ford Focus vehicles and that he was looking at selling off one of them.

Executive Director Young stated that the City of Murphysboro had been looking at implementing a Housing Inspection Policy but that the last he heard from the Mayor was that nothing had passed so far.

Executive Director Young stated that the last maintenance person had been hired, Mr. Leonard Bowen and that he seems to be doing a really good job.

Executive Director Young updated the Board on the Vacancy issue advising the Board on the current number of units occupied and that everyone is working to turn around units and rent units as fast as possible.

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 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary