

There was a Regular monthly meeting of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the John P. Vandiver Community Center in Coeburn, Virginia.

Chairwoman Kern asked for a roll call:

Elsie V. Kern
John Markham
Randy Carter
James Cooper
James R. Johnson, Sr.
Fred Pack

Absent:

Robert Harrison

Mr. Randy Carter led the meeting in prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Kern asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as received; motion seconded by James Cooper. All members voted aye.

Chairwoman Kern asked for a motion on the agenda. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by John Markham. All members voted aye.

Chairwoman Kern proceeded to Old Business – Commonwealth Apartments. Mr. Salyer stated that there were six families that needed to be relocated from the Commonwealth Apartments because they were over the income limit. Two of the families have already been relocated. They could receive between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in relocation funds. Quesenberry's, Inc. is in the process of moving on the site. They have 365 days to complete the improvements. A meeting with Jeff Meyer, Lane Group, Quesenberry's and Mr. Salyer was held today (November 9th). The meeting went well.

Old Mill Village was discussed. Mr. Salyer stated that Mr. Jeff Vanover, resident of Old Mill Village, is still concerned with the possibility of power outages this winter. A meeting has been rescheduled for November 22, 2010 with Ms. Jane Bennett, Wise County Emergency Coordinator. The meeting will be held at the Pound Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Kern continued to New Business – Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) for FY 2010. Mr. Salyer went over the report with the board. This report is only for the HUD properties and will be sent to HUD for their review and scoring. Mr. Salyer

stated that the Authority continues to have problems with unit turnovers. The unit turnover has been taking approximately 30 days to get an apartment and prospective tenant ready for leasing. The apartments need to be turned over in 20 days. The HUD units are inspected annually by the Authority. The work orders took an average of 2.0 days to complete. During the Fiscal Year we had an average of 44 emergency work orders and 578 non-emergency work orders.

Twenty-two applicants were denied during the period of October 2009 to September 2010. Seven tenants were evicted from the HUD public housing units for drug related or criminal charges.

Kathy Hylton went over the capital grant improvements funds. In the past fiscal year the Authority spent \$748,000 on improvements. Some of the improvements included a fence at Clinchview; major drainage repairs at Appalachian Towers; Appalachian Towers roof repairs; handicap ramp at Clinchview; brick and shutters at Litchfield Manor and scanners and computers for the office.

Mr. Salyer went over the following resolution:

Resolution Approving PHAS Certification - #2010-03

Whereas, at a Regular meeting of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, November 9, 2010, the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Certification was presented to the Board; and

Whereas, the certification was discussed with the Board.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority hereby approve the PHAS Certification signed and submitted by Monty L. Salyer, Executive Director.

Chairwoman Kern asked if there were any questions on the report. There were no questions. Chairwoman Kern asked for a motion to approve the report. Mr. Fred Pack made a motion to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by James Cooper. All members voted aye.

Mr. Salyer discussed Surplus Property. Mr. Salyer informed the board that the following items would be put out to bid soon and would be advertised in the Coalfield Progress:

1. 1997 Chevrolet (108,000 miles).
2. 2004 Ford Escape (138,000 miles)
3. 20 year old John Deere Tractor

Mr. Gilbert said that the board members and staff would not be able to bid on the items.

Chairwoman Kern discussed the Bondtown Charter. Ms. Kern stated that the Town of Bondtown received a charter prior to the Town of Coeburn in the 19th century. She stated that Bondtown was a thriving town at that time and the history of the town needed to be preserved. There was a lawsuit that the Town of Coeburn instituted against Bondtown in 1955 which ended up in Bondtown losing their charter. Ms. Kern stated that she would like to get the charter and the information on the lawsuit and have it put in the John P. Vandiver Community Center. She asked Mr. Gilbert if he could check at the court house and see if he could find any information. Mr. Johnson inquired about cost. Mr. Salyer stated that such funds would come from the John P. Vandiver housing program. Greg Gilbert said he would check at the court house and report back to the board at the next meeting. Chairwoman Kern asked for a motion to allow Mr. Gilbert to look for the Bondtown Charter. Mr. Markham made a motion to approve Mr. Gilbert looking for the charter; the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. There was no further discussion. All the members voted aye.

Board Comments and Requests. There were no requests from the board. The December dinner meeting will be held on December 14, 2010 at the Tavern on Main in Wise.

There was no further business to come before the board. Chairwoman Kern asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. John Markham made the motion to adjourn.

Attest

Elsie V. Kern, Chairman