

There was a Regular meeting of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the John P. Vandiver Community Center in Coeburn, Virginia.

Upon roll call, those members present were as follows:

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

Absent

Gail Luntsford

Also present: Attorney Greg Gilbert

Mr. Johnson opened the meeting with prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kern asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Chairman Kern asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 14, 2011 meeting minutes. Randy Carter made a motion to approve the minutes as received; the motion was seconded by James Johnson, Sr. All members voted aye.

Chairman Kern asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Monty Salyer asked that Annual Board Tour be added under new business. Randy Carter made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment; motion was seconded by Fred Pack. All members voted aye.

Chairman Kern continued to Old Business – Commonwealth Apartments. Mr. Salyer stated that the improvements to the apartments are 39% complete. The Authority has monthly meetings with Quesenberry's. We are within our budget and hope to be able to pave some driveways and do some landscaping.

Mr. Salyer stated that the Inman Village Stair Repair is almost complete. The original contract amount is \$253,105.00 with two change orders in the amount of 32,174.00. The contract balance including retainage is \$34,900.80.

Chairman Kern proceeded to New Business – Transfer Policy. Mr. Salyer stated that the Authority’s Transfer Policy needed to be amended. The following amendment was presented to the Board for their approval:

**Transfers are only permitted within the existing complex that the resident resides or within the HUD Public Housing programs (Clinchview VA 24-1, Monte Vista VA 24-2, Ridgeview VA 24-2, Litchfield Manor VA 24-4, and Appalachian Towers VA 24-5.**

**Any resident currently under lease with WCRHA may apply and be placed on the waiting list for other non-HUD Public Housing programs.**

Mr. Salyer stated that every property has its own transfer list.

Mr. Salyer stated that the Authority needs board approval to change policy. Chairman Kern asked for a motion on the amendment to the transfer policy. Robert Harrison made a motion to adopt the amendment to the transfer policy; the motion was seconded by Randy Carter. All members voted aye.

RAM was the next item on the agenda. Monty Salyer stated that each year the Authority gives RAM a \$200.00 donation. Chairman Kern asked for a motion to donate \$200.00 to RAM. Mr. James Johnson, Sr. made a motion to approve the Authority donating \$200.00 to RAM; the motion was seconded by James Cooper, Sr. All members voted aye.

Governor McDonnell’s Prison Re-entry Program was discussed. Mr. Salyer stated that the Governor recently signed prisoner re-entry legislation that strengthens re-entry policies in the Commonwealth. A thirty (30) member team has been assigned to work on this which includes the Cumberland Plateau Director. This is a mandate from the Governor and he wants local agencies to participate. The goal is to make communities safer and improve the chances of offenders successfully becoming productive and active members of society.

Annual Board Tour was discussed. Mr. Salyer asked if the board members would like to tour the Authority’s properties in September. The tour would be on the second Tuesday in September (September 13<sup>th</sup>) which would include a luncheon board meeting. The board members were in agreement. Mr. Salyer will make the arrangements.

At this time, Chairman Kern asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Randy Carter made the motion; seconded by James Johnson, Sr. All members voted aye.

Robert Harrison made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Randy Carter. All members voted aye.

Robert Harrison made a motion that nothing was discussed except personnel; Randy Carter seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Chairman Kern asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none. Robert Harrison made a motion to adjourn; seconded by James Cooper.