

There was a Regular meeting of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the John Vandiver Community Center in Coeburn, Virginia.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Robert Harrison
Terry Bates
James Cooper
Eula Hughes
Gail Luntsford
John Markham
Karon Johnson

Absent: Randy Carter

Attorney Greg Gilbert was also present.

Monty Salyer opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Harrison asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Chairman Harrison asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of March 10, 2015. Eula Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as received; the motion was seconded by Terry Bates. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Mr. Salyer had one addition to make to the agenda, under New Business; Stonebriar Easement. Gail Luntsford made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition; a second was made by James Cooper. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison continued on to Old Business; Disaster Declaration. Mr. Salyer wanted to ask the board if they would like to table the discussion on the Disaster Declaration or remove it from the agenda. Chairman Harrison asked what did this entail, and Mr. Salyer said he had received several calls from the Red Cross during the snow storms. They were trying to assist people who had lost their homes due to all the snow and wanted to know if HUD could help. Mr. Salyer said that HUD informed him that if it was not in our policy, we could not move those people ahead of any of the people already on our waiting list. Chairman Harrison asked for a motion to table the Disaster Declaration until the next meeting. A motion was made by John Markham; seconded by Terry Bates. All members voted aye.

Mr. Salyer gave an update on the Stonebriar Apartment fire, and the total damages right now is estimated to be around \$9000.00 dollars. We have not yet received a final estimate.

Chairman Harrison continued on to New Business; Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Salyer stated that there is a 31 year old gentleman named Adam Malle that has been on the Section 8 Voucher program for about 10 years. He is a quadriplegic and has had a voucher through the State Housing Authority, from The Junction Center for Independent Living. He had called the Wise County Housing Authority office and asked if there was any way that he could use his voucher on a rent to own, home ownership. The Habitat for Humanity is interested in building him a

totally accessible house right outside of the Big Stone Gap town limits. Mr. Salyer along with Robin Branham will be assisting the Habitat for Humanity in trying to make this all possible.

Chairman Harrison moved on to the next item on the agenda; Stonebriar Easement. Mr. Salyer received a call that a storage building had been put in an area that Stonebriar has an easement on. Mr. Salyer said that the property in question is under a lease to own and that the property owner probably does not know that the building has been put there. Mr. Salyer said he was going to inform the owner of the property about the violation of the easement and let them know it needs to be moved.

Chairman Harrison moved on to the next item on the agenda; Executive Session. In accordance with the Code of Virginia 2.1-344, Eula Hughes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Legal Issues; the motion was seconded by Terry Bates. All members voted aye.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by John Markham stating that the board only discussed legal issues; the motion was seconded by Gail Luntsford. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison asked for a motion. Motion was made by John Markham to allow Mr. Salyer to implement the intent of his letter dated April 8, 2015 to Ms. Wilma Henry of the HUD Field Office to Include:

- Big Stone Gap HA will transfer to Wise County HA all vouchers leased by BSGHA outside the town limits of Big Stone Gap. In exchange, Wise County HA will choose and transfer an equitable number of units, based on budget authority, within the town limits of Big Stone Gap. The exchange will not have any negative financial impact on WCRHA. It is understood that there will be a number of Wise County HA voucher holders remaining within the town of Big Stone Gap. Those voucher holders will remain until those families choose to discontinue assistance or are terminated.
- Big Stone Gap HA will agree to allow eligible ports into Wise County HA jurisdiction and Wise County HA will allow eligible ports into the Big Stone Gap HA.
- Wise County will no longer permit any new voucher holders to lease property within the town of Big Stone Gap and the Big Stone Gap HA will no longer allow any new voucher holders to lease property outside the town limits of Big Stone Gap.

There will be a cooperative effort to complete this transaction by July 1, 2015.
Any deviation from this motion will require additional board action.

Motion was seconded by James Cooper.

Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Robert Harrison – yes
Terry Bates – yes
James Cooper – yes
Eula Hughes – no
Gail Luntsford – yes
John Markham – yes
Karon Johnson - yes

John Markham made a motion to adjourn; seconded by James Cooper. All members voted aye.