

There was an Annual meeting of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on Tuesday May 12, 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
Randy Carter
James Cooper
Eula Hughes
Gail Luntsford
John Markham
Karon Johnson

Absent: Terry Bates

Attorney Greg Gilbert was also present.

Randy Carter 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 April 14, 2015. John Markham made a motion to approve the minutes as received; the motion was seconded by James Cooper. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Mr. Salyer stated that he needs to add to the agenda under Old Business; 2. Disaster Declaration. Randy Carter made a motion to approve the agenda with changes. Gail Luntsford seconded; all member voted aye.

Mr. Monty Salyer took the floor and welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. He said at this time he would take nominations for Chairman for the next year. Eula Hughes nominated Robert Harrison; Randy Carter seconded the nomination. He asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. Mr. Salyer closed the nominations and asked for a vote. John Markham abstained from voting. All other members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison took the floor and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Gail Luntsford made a motion for Randy Carter for Vice Chairman; seconded by Eula Hughes. Chairman Harrison asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. He asked for a motion for nominations to cease. Eula Hughes made a motion for nominations to cease; seconded by James Cooper. All members voted aye. Chairman Harrison asked for a vote on Randy Carter for Vice Chairman and all members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison continued on to Old Business; Big Stone Gap Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Mr. Salyer said that we are getting close to having everything resolved. Mr. Salyer stated that he had received an email stating that Big Stone Gap wanted to be more involved in the selection of the families. He responded that he would abide by the motion set forth by the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board and we would be making those selections. The Housing Authority has finished sending Big Stone Gap Housing the first ten and are working on the second ten families. Mr. Salyer said that he hopes that this would be finished by July 2015.

Chairman Harrison continued on to the next item on the agenda; Disaster Declaration. Mr. Salyer stated that with all the resources that are available to disaster victims, he doesn't think that we need to make policy change for this item and would like it removed from the agenda. Chairman Harrison asked for a motion to remove the Disaster Declaration from the agenda. Eula Hughes made a motion to remove the Disaster Declaration from the agenda; James Cooper seconded. All members voted aye.

The next item on the agenda is Housing Choice Voucher Policy Change. Mr. Salyer stated that Ms. Wilma Henry from the HUD office in Richmond asked that we make some changes to our Housing Choice Voucher Program. She stated that if we make these changes we could help more people with housing. He said that right now we have an occupancy policy that states the maximum and the minimum number of occupants per bedroom. HUD is suggesting that we go to a two heartbeats per bedroom policy. Mr. Salyer said that with this policy, the money we receive will go farther and help more families. The new policy is as follows:

- 1 BR - 1 minimum; 2 maximum
- 2 BR - 3 minimum; 4 maximum
- 3 BR - 5 minimum; 6 maximum
- 4 BR - 7 minimum; 8 maximum
- 5 BR - 9 minimum; 10 maximum

Mr. Salyer stated that if the Board passes this policy it will go into effect June 1, 2015 for new families and July 1, 2015 for renewals. Mr. Salyer said that he would need a motion to change the policy in the Administrative Plan of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Randy Carter made a motion to change the Policy to a Two Heartbeats per bedroom policy. Karon Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison asked for a motion to adjourn. Karon Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by James Cooper. All members voted aye.