

There was a Regular meeting of the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the John Fox House in Big Stone Gap Virginia.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Robert Harrison  
Terry Bates  
Randy Carter  
Eula Hughes  
Gail Luntsford  
Helen Markham  
Karon Johnson

Absent:

James Cooper.

Attorney Greg Gilbert was also present.

Monty Salyer opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Harrison asked if there were any public comments. There were none. Chairman Harrison asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of November 10, 2015. There were none. Eula Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as received; the motion was seconded by Gail Luntsford. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Mr. Salyer had one additional item to add to the agenda, No Smoking Policy at Appalachia Towers. Randy Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; a second was made by Eula Hughes. All members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison continued to the first item on the agenda, Resolution to Honor Service. Monty Salyer stated that he had a plaque to present to Mrs. Helen Markham later in the meeting in honor of John Markham's service to the Wise County Redevelopment and Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Harrison asked for approval of the following Resolution:

Resolution of Honor of Service for John G. Markham - #2015-01

WHERE AS, on August 12, 2004, John G. Markham was appointed to the Wise County Redevelopment & Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to represent the citizens of District 4 of Wise County; and

WHERE AS, throughout his tenure he was instrumental in many housing and redevelopment projects including the creation of John Vandiver Manor, the creation of the Bondtown Park, the Derby Revitalization, the Youthbuild Program, GED programs, American Recovery and Investment Act programs, the creation of the Commonwealth Apartments, and the newly renovated Stonebriar Apartments for the elderly and disabled, and

WHERE AS, John Markham's devotion to community was not only evident in his service to the WCRHA community, but was also evident by his devotion as a Right Worshipful Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and

WHERE AS, such service will be his legacy of love and loyalty for all citizens of Wise County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Redevelopment & Housing Authority Board of Commissioners wishes to express its appreciation of John G. Markham's service to the WCRHA Community.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately inscribed and conveyed to Mrs. John G. Markham (Helen) with a copy to be included in the official minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wise County Board of Commissioners.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015

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Robert G. Harrison  
Chairman

Eula Hughes made a motion on the Resolution to Honor Service for John Markham. A second was made by Gail Luntsford; all members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison continued on to the next item on the agenda, January meeting. Mr. Salyer said for several years we have not had a January meeting and at this time there are no items that need attention. Randy Carter made a motion to cancel the January 2016 meeting. Karon Johnson seconded the motion; all members voted aye.

The next item on the agenda is the No Smoking Policy at the Appalachian Towers. Mr. Salyer said he would need a motion for him to start the process of implementing the No Smoking Policy. Chairman Harrison asked what would the process be to begin the No Smoking Policy. Mr. Salyer said we will have to notify the residence, we will have to have a hearing and then make addendums to all leases at Appalachian Towers. Any new leasing's will not be allowed to smoke and the current tenants will only be allowed to smoke in the confines of their apartment. Terry Bates made a motion to begin the No Smoking Policy at Appalachian Towers. Randy Carter seconded the motion; all members voted aye.

Chairman Harrison asked if we could implement some way of checking on the residents at the Appalachian Towers every few days. Mr. Salyer said that sadly during the evacuation of the

Appalachian Towers during the fire that occurred in November, a resident was found deceased. Mr. Salyer said he and Mr. Mooney had spoken about having the residency council, which is located at the Appalachian Towers, see if they can organize some type of resident watch within the confines of the building. Mr. Salyer said at one time Sheriff Oaks had a program that people could sign up for and they would call and check on you. Mr. Salyer also said that we pay MEOC a fee to check on the elderly residents.

Mr. Salyer asked Helen Markham and her daughter Mary to come to the front of the room. Mr. Salyer read the resolution that the board had passed earlier in the evening and he presented Mrs. Markham with a framed copy of the Resolution to honor John Markham.

Chairman Harrison asked for a motion to adjourn. Eula Hughes made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Terry Bates. All members voted aye.