

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
WHITE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD AT 9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the White County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners convened at 9:00 A.M., at White County Housing Authority Community Center, Crossville, IL.

Those present for the meeting were: Christine Wells, Chairperson, Wes Trout, Vice Chairman, Terry Daubs and Charles Land, Commissioners. Leigh Short, Executive Director, and Wendy Stone, Occupancy Clerk, absent Andi Ford, Commissioner.

Upon arrival to the meeting Commissioner Charles Land informed the board he and Commissioner Terry Daubs had attended the White County Board meeting the previous night. Commissioner Land stated he took Chairperson Christine Wells advice and took his concerns to the White County Board to see where that would get him. Chairperson Wells responded yes, we know we have been told you both were there and asked what their concerns are? Commissioner Land stated if you already know I do not need to go into it, you can go on-line and read the article or listen to it WRUL radio was there. Chairperson Wells then said so you were there representing the White County Housing Authority Board? Commissioner Land stated no. Chairperson Wells then asked again what are your concerns? Commissioner Land replied he does not like or agree with the way things are being handled at White County Housing Authority he stated one maintenance man has been cheated out of vacation over the years and the same maintenance man is afraid of losing his job after 23 years of service and losing his retirement, Commissioner Land also stated he has been told so many lies since he has been on the board, and he has various other concerns. He stated that you (Chairperson Wells) are not doing your job as board Chairman of the White County Housing Authority, he said the issues at hand are not getting resolved or being looked into. Commissioner Land then said he is requesting or making a motion for your (Chairperson Wells) resignation from the board and Commissioner Daubs said he seconds that, a vote was then taken with Commissioner Land and Commissioner Daubs voting yes, and Commissioner Trout and Chairperson Wells voting no. Absent from the board meeting was Commissioner Ford. Chairperson Wells asked him what she is doing wrong or not doing as board Chairman? Commissioner Land responded you are rubber stamping papers and going on. Chairperson Wells then stated she will not be turning in her resignation. Commissioner Wells stated she does not feel she has done any wrongdoing while serving on this board. Commissioner Land then stated that he has, spoke with the HUD State Director and according to the State Director the White County Board has more control over White County Housing Authority than she thinks and if the State Director gets involved the White County Housing Authority Board would regret it. Chairperson Wells said that she has talked with HUD also. Chairperson Wells then stated that the whole reason to serve on the board is for the good of the community and the well-being of the tenants, not because a friend of a friend who was let go from their job is upset, or getting feelings hurt because they were not elected Chairman. Commissioner Land said he is not a friend and that is not what this is about. Commissioner Land said I've said my peace and I'm done with this conversation we will see how this all works out, Chairperson Wells said she is done also, so let's move on with the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting was made by Vice Chairman Trout, seconded by Commissioner Land. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the Treasurers Report & Cash Disbursements for November and December was made by Vice Chairman Trout, seconded by Commissioner Land. Motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director updated the board on:

1. AP Solutions on-line payments, we have taken several payments on-line.
2. Maintenance sick leave. Commissioner Trout asked how the employee was being paid? Executive Director Leigh Short replied he has sick days, and he should be returning to work 2/1/2021.
3. Break in at the Crossville Post Office.
4. Mutual Medical Insurance that the White County Board has, is not available to the WCHA because we do not have 50 or more employees. Commissioner Daubs then recommended looking into other Housing Authorities Insurance plans.
5. Equifax used to verify income
6. SentryLink used for FP background checks

Executive Director Leigh Short updated the board on the current vacancies.

Executive Director Leigh Short discussed with the board she was going to advertise for a part-time maintenance worker and Commissioner Terry Daubs recommended WCHA authority hire a full-time maintenance employee. No action taken at this time.

A motion for approval of White County Housing Authority to pay 100% employee insurance on a temporary basis of \$1,144.32 per month for Wendy Stone effective November 1, 2020. This will be reviewed again when, Wendy is eligible to be added to Employee and Family insurance. Motion was made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Daubs. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to have Travis Thompson Mayor of Grayville as the Certifying Officer for Environmental Review was made by Vice Chairman Trout, seconded by Commissioner Land. Motion was approved unanimously.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the board of Commissioners of the White County Housing Authority to approve AHRMA 2021 Renewal. Motion was made by Commissioner Daubs, seconded by Vice Chairman Trout. Motion was approved.

A motion to approve the Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2021 was made by Vice Chairman Trout, seconded by Commissioner Daubs. Motion was approved unanimously

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Trout to enter Closed Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to review Litigations information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daubs. Motion was approved unanimously.

After a vote was taken and the following votes were made:

Aye (4) Christine Wells, Wes Trout, Terry Daubs, and Charles Land

The motion to enter Closed Session carried unanimously.

The Housing Authority of the County of White, Illinois entered Closed Session at 9:39 a.m.

The Housing Authority of the County of White, Illinois returned to Open Session at 9:46 a.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Trout to come out of Closed Session and enter Open Session at 9:46 a.m., The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daubs. Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made Vice Chairman Trout, seconded by Commissioner Daubs at 10:00 A.M. Motion was approved unanimously.

WHITE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____