



## **HOUSING AUTHORITY Minutes - February 16, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz called the meeting of the Housing Authority of Rock County to order at 9:23AM on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Members present via ZOOM: Chair Supervisor Kathy Schulz, Billy Bob Grahm, Jason Heidenreich, Supervisor Shirley Williams  
Members Absent: Michelle Ponkauskas

Rock County Staff present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director)  
Others present: Todd Mandel (Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development)

**Adopt Agenda:** BillyBob Grahm made a motion to approve. Jason Heidenreich seconded the motion. ADOPTED

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held February 2, 2022:** Jason Heidenreich made a motion to approve. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. ADOPTED

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None

### **Discussion Regarding Report**

**“An Assessment of Strategies and Options for the Rock County Housing Authority to Affordable Housing in Rock County”**

Discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned report prepared by WPHD. Todd Mandel provided a summary and answer questions. Todd highlighted that the current and only source of funding is the via HOME Consortium. The program administration could be altered some, within the HOME rules, for example to add tenant based rental assistance. Doing that, though, would take away from rehab mortgages and down payment assistance and not repaid (as the later two usually are). The County receives roughly \$125,000 per year for HOME projects via the consortium.

Andrew also reminded the Committee of the HOME-ARPA funds that are available to the Consortium. That is around \$2.5 million dollars to be spent on homelessness, transitional housing, possibly rental assistance, etc. Before funds can be allocated, a plan has to be in place. Staff from Janesville, Beloit and Rock County are getting that process organized and the Committee will be invited to participate in meetings, public hearings, etc. The timeline is to have the plan done this summer.

Mr. Heidenreich noted that it would be beneficial to have a meeting with other service providers and units of government so that we can all best use our limited resources, i.e. not offering duplicative services. The Committee agreed that would be a great idea. Andrew suggested the HOME-ARPA planning process will be a great way to kick off those discussions. It was also recognized that the makeup of the Housing Authority may change in April following County Board elections since there can only be two County Board members on the Housing Authority. It may be beneficial to wait to have meetings until new members are on board.

There were no further questions for Todd.

(Note: Video of the full discussion is available upon request)

**Adjournment:**

Jason Heidenreich made the motion to adjourn at 10:32 am. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Next meeting: 3/2/2022 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Baker, Director

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