



HOUSING AUTHORITY Minutes – March 2, 2022

Call to Order: Vice Chair Grahn called the meeting of the Housing Authority of Rock County to order at 9:18AM on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Supervisor Kathy Schulz joined at 9:30 am.

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

Rock County Staff present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director)

Others present: Todd Mandel (Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development), James Farrell and Supervisor Mary Mawhinney.

Adopt Agenda: Jason Heidenreich made a motion to approve. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes from Meeting Held February 16, 2022: Supervisor Williams made a motion to approve. Jason Heidenreich seconded the motion. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: James Farrell introduced himself. He is candidate for supervisory district 24 and very interested in making improvements to housing related matters in the community.

Status Update Regarding Goals in Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Document

A. Update on Tenant Legal Aid Position - Contract via Humans Services Department

B. Status of Two Resolutions Introduced to County Board Related to Housing Services (To Board on 2/24/22 for potential action).

Andrew provided an update to the Committee on these two items. The contract for Legal Action was approved in late February. It is unknown at this time the status of hiring staff for Rock County. Regarding the resolutions, the Homelessness Prevention Coordinator position was approved for funding via ARPA funds. That position will be in the Human Services Department. The resolution designating three million dollars of ARPA funds for transition housing was not approved, failed by one vote. Due to it being a budget amendment, a 2/3s vote of the County Board membership was

required (not simple majority). Those oppose would like to see more detail about the proposal.

Status of Program Implementation and Outreach Efforts

Todd Mandel from WPHD provided an update for the Committee regarding the current status of ongoing projects they are working on, both for the HOME and CDBG funding sources. There are currently eight active projects in the County right now. With the inclusion of the two large projects in the works in Edgerton, WPHD will have between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in the pipeline in the near future on behalf of the County.

Supervisor Schulz ask if Todd could give an update to the County Board at some point in the near future, both on current projects and regarding the report that was recently provided. He agreed. He and Andrew will work on a schedule for that.

Supervisor Schulz informed the Committee that another Supervisor as a vacant lot at 170 S Franklin that he is willing to donate for possible LMI housing. Supervisor Schulz would like to see a duplex large enough for a family built there. Todd checked with the City of Janesville and they already have there 2022 funds allocated. The Housing Authority could consider doing a project there with agreement by the City, or the project could be planned for the future when the City has funds (and possible in partnership with the Housing Authority).

Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics

Supervisor Schulz asked that another update on the status of the two resolutions and legal aid be on the agenda for April.

Adjournment:

Billy Bob Grahm made the motion to adjourn at 10:03 am. Supervisor Schulz seconded the motion.
ADOPTED

Next meeting: 4/6/2022 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Baker, Director