

**ERIE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 – 11:30 A.M.
ERIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1927 WAGER ROAD
ERIE, PA 16509**

Chairman McGoey called the Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of the County of Erie to order at 11:45 a.m., with the following present:

BOARD

James McGoey, Chairperson
Dave Robinson, Member
Ralph DeRose, Member

EXCUSED

Diane Madara, Vice-Chairperson

STAFF

Mike McNierney, Executive Director
Beverly Weaver, Deputy Director
Rachel Petty, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

Attorney Art Martinucci, by telephone

MINUTES

On MOTION by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. DeRose, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 6, 2015; Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015; and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2015 were all approved as submitted. AYES: ALL.

FINANCIALS

APPROVE BILLS

Mr. McNierney reviewed expenses and answered questions from the board.

After discussion and ON MOTION by Mr. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Erie County Housing Authority approved the bills paid from January 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015. AYES: ALL.

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET COMPARISON

Mr. McNierney reviewed the Budget Comparison as of 1/31/2015, stating the difference between the budgeted amount and actual amount is positive by \$1,752.

After discussion and ON MOTION by Mr. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Erie County Housing Authority accepted the Erie County Housing Authority Operating Budget Comparison as of 1/31/2015 as presented. AYES: ALL.

STANDARD REPORTS

Ms. Weaver reviewed the Standard Reports, including vacancies, waiting lists, delinquencies, promissory notes and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. She stated 4 of the 6 project based vouchers for Highland Village, in Edinboro, were filled as of 3/1/2015. She noted further that the Section 8 – Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List closed 2/16/2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman McGoey called for an Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

RECONVENE AS ECHA

The board reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

After discussion and ON MOTION of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. DeRose, the Erie County Housing Authority approved the Interagency Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Butler and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler as well as authorized the chairman of the Erie County Housing Authority to sign the agreement. AYES: ALL.

UPDATES

SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

Mr. McNierney stated the Plan has been changed to include language referencing violence against women, and reflects legal updates through 2014.

CORRY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CRDA)

Mr. McNierney advised that he and Mr. Robinson attended a meeting with Rick Novotny, Dave Dearborn, Joe Mangini, and Pat Migliaccio where discussion was held relative to the withholding of funds from the reimbursement check to the Erie County Housing Authority (ECHA) Revolving Fund by CRDA.

Mr. McNierney stated that subsequent to the meeting, he received an e-mail from Mr. Dearborn advising of a unanimous vote of CRDA authorizing payment of the withheld amount and the return of Mr. McNierney's personnel file.

ECHA MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McNierney said he and Mr. McGoey had met with Kathy Dalkemper, County Executive, who had agreed to re-appoint Mr. McGoey to the ECHA board for an additional 5-year term. She said an appointment of a former Corry Housing Authority (CHA) board member would also be made to the ECHA board.

Mr. McNierney noted there were applicants, but no determination had yet been made for replacement of Diane Madara or Sister Christine Vladimiroff.

Mr. McNierney stated he hoped to have new members appointed and their orientation completed before the next meeting.

TRANSFER OF CHA ASSETS TO ECHA

Mr. McNierney advised the release of Corry Declarations of Trust have been received and new ones to be filed for ECHA are under review at HUD. Once approved, both will be recorded in the Erie County Courthouse.

He said the Corry City Council will pass a resolution to dissolve the CHA, then the Corry City Solicitor will notify Pennsylvania Department of State and Department of Community and Economic Development by letter of the final dissolution.

NEW CHECK SCANNER

Mr. McNierney informed the board that a new check scanner has been installed at the Gerald S. Salsbury Building in Erie. He noted the Barnett Building in Albion already utilized a check scanner which saves a lot of employee time.

HIGHLAND VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENTS IN EDINBORO

Mr. McNierney stated repairs are being made on a floor by floor basis and that units are being leased. He said he is pleased with the way the program is moving forward and advised 4 of the 6 project based Section 8 Vouchers have been filled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Erie County Housing Authority adjourned the regular meeting at 12:32 p.m. ON MOTION by Mr. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Robinson. AYES: ALL.