



Minutes of the Public Hearing & Annual Meeting of The Housing Authority of Thurston County May 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Housing Authority of Thurston County Board of Commissioners held on Thursday, May 27, 2021. This meeting was held virtually via Go To Meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Neil McClanahan.

Roll Call:

Commissioners: Jay Goldstein, Neil McClanahan, Holly Franco, Joelene Gioulis, Maureen McLemore

Staff: HATC Staff

Public: No public acknowledged when asked for comment

Action: Approval of Minutes: Jay moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 board meeting. Holly seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Approval of Vouchers: Joelene moved to approve the vouchers dated April 2, 2021-May 1, 2021. Holly seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Agenda Item Discussion: Daniel gave an update on finance.

- Daniel gave a brief description of the expenses on the voucher report.
- Daniel informed that they are currently working on the budget for FY 2020-2021. The finance department will reach out to the board in June to go over the budget. The budget will be submitted for approval at the next board meeting.

Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Craig gave an update on the voucher program.

- Craig spoke on behalf of Karen McVea. We were awarded 68 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). We have requested for an additional 38 vouchers. This program will work closely with Continuum of Care (COC) agencies. The applicants will be referred through the COC agencies.
- Craig informed that Section 8 staff member Melissa Osborn has accepted a new position with another organization. Her last day with the Housing Authority will be June 3, 2021.

Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Craig gave a development update.

- Craig spoke on behalf of Tom Rawson. He gave brief updates on the Olympia Crest I & III projects. We are hoping to break ground on Olympia Crest III in August.

- We are working with a realtor for a proposal to purchase land next to Sequoia Landing. We are working through negotiations and hope to have good news soon.
- Craig gave an update on the potential hotel project. Thurston Thrives is supportive of the project and will help make a persuasive case in moving forward.

Discussion followed.

Agenda Item Discussion: Tammie gave an update on FSS and the Housing Stability Division.

- Tammie gave an update on the FSS program. It has been a hard year, but it looks like people are finally recovering. Over 30% of the FSS participants are currently working.
- Lynn presented two FSS graduates. She gave brief descriptions about both participants, their hardships, and what they have accomplished since being on the program. She informed the board about how childcare is a significant barrier for people.

Discussion followed.

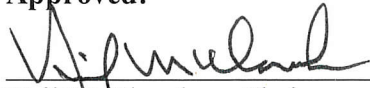
Agenda Item Discussion: Craig gave an administrative update.

- Craig spoke about an anonymous survey that we had the staff complete inquiring about COVID-19 vaccines and their feelings on returning to the office. The Return to Office Committee will continue discussing new and changing guidelines to determine how our office will move forward.

Discussion followed.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved:



Neil McClanahan, Chair
Board of Commissioners

24-June-2021

Date