

**Marion County Housing Authority**

Minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2017.

Held at the Tech Center, 100 N. Locust, Centralia, Il. 62801

Attending: Chairperson Georgia Miller; Commissioner Gertie Walker, Commissioner Brenda Lingafelter; Commissioner Patrick Stedelin; Commissioner Richard Gregg; Commissioner Nancy Lackey; Attorney Marvin Miller; Attorney Brian Wernsman, Assistant Executive Director, Sherri Spears. Interim Executive Director: Evan Deadmond  
Absent: Commissioner: Gary Purcell

Chairman Georgia Miller called the meeting to order and took the role call. Chairman Miller asked for public comment to which there was none. Last month's minutes and disbursements were reviewed by Assistant Executive Director Spears. Commissioner Lingfelter made a motion to approve both the minutes and disbursements with Commissioner Lackey seconding the motion. The motion was carried.

Assistant Executive Director Spears reviewed the open accounts payable, the check disbursements and the financial statements as of October 31, 2016. She explained that the accounting firm was forwarding the October financial information to the new fee accountants to finish the fiscal year.

Ms. Spears reported the progress made towards paying down the outstanding debts and Director Deadmond described his efforts in contacting the agencies to which we have outstanding debts.

Director Deadmond reported that MCHA has three to six months remaining to complete the contract with CTI for the energy project. Director Deadmond, Assistant Director Spears and Mr. Miller met with a representative from CTI to negotiate completing the work and paying the outstanding bills. Mr. Miller reported that there are still questions regarding salaries that may have been paid by both MCHA and CTI for the same job during the same time period. A request to amend the contract with CTI was tabled.

Asst. Director Spears requested that the board approve training for the new financial software. Commissioner Gregg made a motion to send Asst Director Spears for training for the Lindsey software systems and Commissioner Lackey seconded it. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Assistant Director Spears reported that the previous director had committed to participating in a grant from the Department of Justice related to the Marion County Drug Court. After discussion, it was referred to Attorney Miller for further investigation.

Attorney Miller reported on information he has received regarding the University of Illinois grant that was received in December 2016 that was earmarked for energy projects, such as our EPC project.

Commissioner Lackey moved to adjourn the regular meeting to a closed session to discuss personnel, hiring, termination and litigation. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion and all voted aye to pass the motion.

Commissioner Lackey made a motion to adjourn the closed session, with Commissioner Gregg providing a second. All voted in favor of adjourning the closed session and the motion passed. Commissioner Lackey then made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the MCHA and Commissioner Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.