

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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*The Housing Authority  
of The City of Newberry*

Jan B. Piersol  
Executive Director

March 29, 2019

The regular board meeting was held Tuesday March 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Julian E. Grant Office Building Board Room.

Present: Chairman Tommy Bowers  
Vice-Chairman James Hunter  
Commissioner Pat Caldwell  
Commissioner Robin Newton  
Commissioner Carolyn Robinson  
Commissioner Andrew Shealy  
Commissioner Perry Threatt

Absent:

The meeting was opened with prayer by Commissioner Shealy.

The minutes of the February meeting were in packages sent to the board. Chairman Bowers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Vice Chairman Hunter second the motion. Upon proper roll call the motion carried. (Copy attached)

Next Ms. Piersol reviewed the financial statement by line item. She informed the board that Section 8 was in shortfall prevention. Ms. Piersol have a conference call set up to help guide them in getting more money for the program. After some discussion, the financials were taken as information.

Next Ms. Piersol gave a Capitol Fund update. Ms. Piersol stated She had met with Bauge Cauthen to review plans for the windows. Rex suggested using long windows which would be less cost.

The Emergency grant is also coming along. They have been working 6 days a week to catch up from the rain down time. They are finishing meter boxes, seeding and ground prep at Bethlehem. They will start working on that next week here at Grants. We are going to let the City dispose of the old meters as they are of no value. Rex will be here Monday to inspect. Ms. Piersol informed the board that we had added some additional lighting behind the gym and also down the pathways which will not only look better but also help with issues of children in those areas.

Next Ms. Piersol informed the board that we appealed REAC scores at Bethlehem Gardens for the sidewalks and storm drain which belong to the city. It has been a process with the city to prove ownership but they are working on repairs. We also appealed windows and received the corrected score of 55. Scores for the Grant Homes inspection have not been uploaded yet.

Next Ms. Piersol presented the collection loss report. After some discussion, Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to write of the loss and Commissioner Robinson second. Upon proper roll call the motion carried. (Copy attached)

Then Ms. Piersol informed the board of the big push to go with RAD. They are intending to have everyone on this in 5 years or it will be forced. Ms. Piersol believes along with others that it will not happen, however she is being proactive to attend a workshop in Washington herself and has people lined up for the training session in August.

In other, Ms. Piersol told the board that the RFP's for salary study and personnel policy will go out next week.

Ms. Piersol then asked the board permission to transfer funds to First Community Bank. She explained the problems we have had with South State and also informed them that First Community has offered us a much better interest rate. After discussion, Commissioner Threatt made the motion for the change and Commissioner Robinson second the motion. Upon proper roll call the motion carried.

Next Ms. Piersol presented a new Procurement Policy in which regulated changes to the thresholds of small and micro spending had been amended. After discussion, Commissioner Caldwell made the motion to accept the new policy and Commissioner Caldwell second the motion. Upon proper roll call the motion carried. (Copy attached)

Ms. Piersol then informed the board on some resident issues so that they would be aware if approach by the residents. During the discussion, it was recommended that we look into the cost of bulletproof glass at the front window and other safety measures.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Threatt and Commissioner Newton second the motion.

Respectively submitted,

(SEAL)

  
Jan B. Piersol  
Secretary

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Dated