

Minutes

ABINGDON REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

468 East Main Street
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Tuesday March 15, 2016

5:00 PM

**Abingdon Housing Authority Office
Regular Meeting**

Commissioners Present:

also present: Mark Adams

Vickye Hall
Dan Smith
Mike Rush
Monica Appleby

A Quorum is present and meeting is called to order by Chairman Smith

1) **Minutes of the November 2015 Regular meeting-** motion to approve by Commissioner Appleby and a second by Commissioner Rush, all in favor, motion carries.

2) **Reports of the Secretary:**

- a) Public Housing- 27 of 28 units occupied.
- b) Housing Choice Voucher- 96 Vouchers under contract, 4 vouchers outstanding

3) **Old Business**

- a) Monthly Board reports- Discussion of monthly Board Reports
- b) Update on HUD-required change in Payment Standards- Director explained that there has still been no communication from the Richmond Office regarding change of Payment Standards. A request for clarification was made to Richmond by the Director back in December. Will update board at next meeting.
- c) Update on HUD-proposed ban on smoking in Public Housing – Director shared no smoking policy that was implemented by Wytheville HA. Policies were discussed. Commissioner Smith mentioned offering incentives to our PH tenants to stop smoking.
- d) Opening of Waiting List – currently have 13 applications and about that many more issued that have not been returned yet

4) **New Business-**

- a) Adoption of FY2017 Budget – After discussion and questions were answered, a motion to approve the FY 2017 Budget was made by Commissioner Hall. A second motion was made by Commissioner Appleby, all in favor, motion carries.
- b) Review of past fiscal year uncollectable rent – Director explained that there was \$3,335 in uncollectable rent owed to the HA over the past year. The HA had taken in \$4,200 more in rent that was budgeted with a total of \$42,703 received. This results in 7% of total rent which is below the HUD threshold of 10%. A motion is made by Commissioner Rush to allow uncollectable rent to be removed from the books with a

second from Commissioner Appleby. All were in favor, motion carries.

- c) REAC Inspection – Director informed board of recent inspection by REAC. Official results were not available, but HA was informed by Richmond that score had improved significantly.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2016 at 5:00