

**LONGVIEW HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

820 11th Avenue

Longview, WA

Minutes to Regular Meeting

Chair Ostermiller called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Present

Chair, Wayne Ostermiller
Vice Chair, Linda Brigham
Commissioner, Lori Bashor Sarancik
Commissioner, Bruce Fischer
Commissioner, Joan Lemieux
Secretary, Chris Pegg

Absent

Commissioner, Axel Swanson

Staff Present

Katie Bonus, Vickie Rhodes, Jon Dieter, Becky Phillips

Public Present – Sherrie Tinoco, Executive Director at the Emergency Support Shelter; Susan McAdams, Board member and Interim Director and Andreas Gast, Board Chair, from Woodland Action Center

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Commissioner Fischer requested the Finance Committee report be removed from the agenda since they had not met.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION –No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Commissioner Brigham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY REPORTS:

Secretary Pegg reported on the following items:

- **Proposed Fair Market Rents** had been issued by HUD. Cowlitz, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties all have increases proposed, some significant. Lewis County is proposed to receive a 1% cut. Increases in the Fair Market Rents would improve leasing opportunities for families issued Housing Choice Vouchers. It

would improve financial performance for owned properties with Project Based Vouchers at their annual anniversary as well.

- **Flooding issues at the Phoenix House property.** The units have not flooded however there is a recurring problem with water intrusion on the property that may worsen with the rainy season arrives. Staff is working with both the City of Longview and the City of Kelso to determine the cause of the problem and the necessary repair.
- **Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) grant in refunded with a 2% increase.** LHA is a partner in this grant and funding is used to conduct outreach to homeless families in our outlying Counties. This is the largest SSVF grant in the State of Washington.
- **Auditors have begun their work on FY2013.**
- **Strategic Plan proposals.** Funding for a new Strategic Plan is included in the proposed budget for FY2015 if passed. This would require a significant amount of work and the cost will require solicitation of multiple proposals to meet procurement policies.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF – There was no introduction of staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **BOARD PRESENTATION:** Secretary Pegg presented donation checks to Sherrie Tinoco of the Emergency Support Shelter and Andreas Gast and Susan McAdams of the Woodland Action Center. To be awarded certain Allocation Criteria Points under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Longview Housing Authority committed to contribute funds to local Nonprofit Organizations, the Emergency Support Shelter and Woodland Action Center, to support low-income housing programs that meet locally identified housing needs in Cowlitz County. Each of these organizations provide services to families at Lilac Place as well as throughout the County.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

Chairman Ostermiller adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

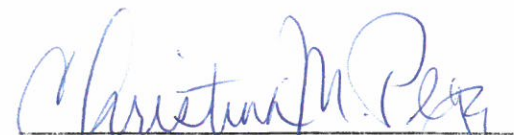
SCEDULING OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **September 22, 2014**

Respectfully submitted by:

CHRISTINA M. PEGG, Chief Executive Officer

BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Wayne Ostermiller, Chairperson


Attest: Christina M. Pegg, Secretary