

## MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners of the Berwick Housing Authority met in regular meeting on January 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the housing authority office.

The meeting was called to order and agenda read by James Richard. The meeting opened with prayer.

There were present James Richard, Vanessa Romero, Eunice Cunningham, Clarence Robinson, Jr., Janice McIntyre, and Clarissa Adams. Lily Rebaradi is on her way and Robert Thigpen is absent.

A motion was made by Romero and seconded by Cunningham to dispense of the reading of the December 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

In each monthly packet the commissioners had copies of the bank statements and check registers for both accounts. The checks were on the table for review. Mr. Robinson handed out and reviewed the December financial report from HSA. A motion was made by Romero and seconded by Cunningham to accept the financial report as presented.

The monthly vacancy report was given. There are 5 units vacant and 16 names on the waiting list. The application process is closed.

A copy of the 2016 mileage rate was handed out for review and approval. A motion was made by Romero and seconded by Cunningham to accept the 2016 mileage rate of 54 cents. Resolution #1161.

Mr. Robinson gave the progress report on the inter-agency work for MCHA. Application will be taken on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The waiting list has been depleted. He has had some issues in Shannon Homes that has caused evictions. He sent a letter to the Mayor, representatives, the board chairman and vice chairman explaining the situation, hopefully this would cut down on the phone calls.

Let the record reflect that Lily Rebaradi is now present.

Mr. Robinson will have a meeting on Friday with the architect to discuss the next phase of modernization. The 2015 audit is currently being conducted. Section 8 will be coming out of trouble status. MCHA has started the process of combining all of the public housing units into 1 amp. This will help the overall financial picture of the agency.

A motion was made by Rebaradi and seconded by Romero to accept the director's report.

The board discussed next month's meeting date. A motion was made by Rebaradi and seconded by Romero to accept the date of February 16, 2016.

Mr. Robinson handed out a letter from Louisiana Housing Corporation concerning over-income families in public housing. They have 2 programs to help families purchase homes. We will be forwarding this

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information to those residents that are over income. Currently we do not have a policy in effect to force them out.

A motion was made by Cunningham and seconded by Rebaridi to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.