

The regular board meeting of Commissioners of the Morgan City Housing Authority was called to order at 4:03pm pm on Thursday, July 25, 2024 by Commissioner Mark Griffin at the MLK Center Board Room. Opening prayer by all in attendance

I. Opening Prayer

II. Roll Call

Present

Mark Griffin, Jr.
Donald Nicholas
Mike Girior
Attorney Robert Duffy
Clarence Robinson, Jr.
Felicia Carrol
Ashly Morvant
Jermaine Thompson

Absent

Letitia Butler

Tim Matthews

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 27th 2024

Motion by: Commissioner D. Nicholas

Second by: Commissioner M. Girior

Call vote: Commissioner Griffin Yes

Commissioner Girior Yes

Commissioner Nicholas Yes

Motion Passed

IV. Old Business-None

V. New Business

1. Resolution #2024-426-Review and Awarding for the Exterior Painting and Repairs Project in Brownell Homes

Mr. Robinson went briefly over the bid packet that was submitted by Mr. Jim Firmin who conducted the bid opening meeting. The board members were able to review the letter that was enclosed by Mr. Firmin with his opinion on the bids in detail. The base bid and the two alternate bids will be included in the awarding the job.

After a brief discussion the board stated that they would move forward with awarding the job to Hebert's Construction.

Motion by: M. Girior
Second by: D. Nicholas

That the board award the Exterior Repairs and Painting Project in Brownell Homes to Hebert's Construction with a base bid of \$113,560.00 and with Alt. 1 at \$11,440.00 with a total cost of \$125,000.00.

Call vote: Commissioner Griffin Yes
Commissioner Girior Yes
Commissioner Nicholas Yes

Motion Passed

2. Review of Debarment Removal Request submitted by Terrance Cosey

The board had received a letter from a Mr. Terrance Cosey who was arrested on July 2, 2024 in the Brownell Homes Development. Mr. Cosey was arrested for open container, flight from an officer and Possession of marijuana. Mr. Cosey submitted a letter stating that he had a prescription for the Marijuana and that that he needed to be allowed to come into the development to assist his elderly parents. All documents were submitted as per the agency policy. During the review, Mr. Cosey parents came into the board meeting. For the records both were asked their names: Brenda Grogan and Saul Grogan of 311 Wren Street. Mrs. Grogan asked why her son would not be allowed to come to assist being that she is elderly and really need his assistance. She said that she didn't understand why he was arrested because he has a prescription for the marijuana. Chief Griffin explained to Mrs. Grogan that the stated prescription amount was more than what was found on him during the arrest. A photo was shown to Mrs. Grogan at that time, then she changed her view of the entire matter.

The board Members went on to inform Mrs. Grogan that her son would not be allowed to be removed off of the Barred list and could submit another request in a year from the date of July 26, 2024. Commissioner Griffin did explain to Mrs. Grogan that if Mr. Cosey is located at any of the agency sites he would be arrested for trespassing. Also, if he is located at her unit it would lead to termination of her housing lease. The Commissioners asked if Mr. Grogan had any questions as well. He Stated that he didn't have any questions.

The board member the went forward to submit a motion in reference to the matter:

It was motioned by **Commissioner Girior** that Mr. Cosey appeal to be removed from the barred list Would be denied for another year and would be able to submit another request in a year effect July 26, 2025. The matter was 2nd by **Commissioner Donald Nicholas**.

Call vote: Commissioner Griffin Yes
Commissioner Girior Yes
Commissioner Nicholas Yes

Motion Passed

Directors Report/Information

Financial Report---Mr. Robinson went over the July 2024 financial report for the agency that was submitted by Housing Solutions. The agency had an income in the amount of \$212,847.90 with expenses coming in at \$207,539.39. The agency had a profit for the month in the amount of **\$5,308.51**. The budget year to date is in a positive of \$114,478.14.

Section 8---The current administrative reserves is \$28,602.430 HAP reserves for the month of July is still at \$1996.55.

Public Housing

Mr. Robinson presented the Public Housing Report for the month of July 2024. **Total units leased for the month of July 2024 is 281 out a total of 293 unit. Total lease up is at 96%.**

- 44 Families on the active waiting list.
- \$38.23 was paid back by a previous resident

2. Section 8 Report

Mr. Robinson presented the Section 8 report with actual lease up for the month of July 2024.

- A Total of 49 families receiving Section 8 voucher assistance for the month of July 2024
- 6 Vouchers we issued out and the families have until September 7th to find a home.
- Applications will be accepted in the month of August 2024

Motion by: M. Girior

Second by: D. Nicholas

That the board approve the Directors Report and Information

**Call vote: Commissioner Griffin Yes
Commissioner Girior Yes
Commissioner Nicholas Yes**

Motion Passed

III. Adjournment

It was motioned by Commissioner M. Girior and 2nd by Commissioner D. Nicholas that the meeting be adjourned.

**Call vote: Commissioner Griffin Yes
Commissioner Girior Yes
Commissioner Nicholas Yes**

Motion Passed