

BARRON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Gary Nelson. Commissioners Present: Marge Jost, Carol Moen, Terri Tyler and Shay Horton and Carol Moen. Other(s) Present: County Administrator Jeff French, Margaret Skemp; Administrative Assistant, Louie Okey; Barron County Board Chair, and Robert Kazmierski; Executive Director A quorum of directors was present.
2. **Public Comment:** Jeff French presented Low Income Housing Tax Credit position paper as support material for January 22, County Board Regular Meeting. Mr. French spoke with architects regarding rehab project cost and confirmed that projected projects costs are accurate. Roughly 30% of project costs are dedicated to application fees for both the State and Federal funding. If County Board Resolution that Authorizes Release of ARPA Funds toward project fails, a County Committee may be formed to address next steps. French is actively pursuing grants from community foundations, Salvation Army, and Foster Friess Foundation to assist with relocation plan.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion (Jost/Tyler) to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Discussion and consideration of BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX:** Resolution Authorizing Release of Funds, American Rescue Plan Act Dollars for Barron County Housing Authority Apartment Complex Rehabilitations, Not to Exceed, \$3.5M French and Okey detailed the difference between the two conflicting versions of Barron County Resolutions; 1) the Executive Committee version and Chair Okey version. Okey informed the board that four County Board Supervisors will be absent to attend Highway Conference. 20 votes are need for passage.
5. **Consideration of BCHA official position statement:** Chairman Nelson read a prepared Position Statement representing BCHA Board of Commissioner. All endorsed. Kazmierski will at the County Board presentation. Kazmierski and Skemp delivered draft presentation and with all Commissioners providing input. Final presentation will be send to board, including County Board Chair and Adminstrator.
6. **Adjourn:** Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by unanimous consent at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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