

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
THE RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

DECEMBER 14, 2018
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
3019 FAIR ST.
POPLAR BLUFF, MO 63901
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Gene Oakley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion made by Mr. Darrell Dement and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe the Minutes of the September 2018 meeting and Financial Reports for all entities for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2018, and Financial Reports for the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission for the Year Ending June 30, 2018, were approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Assistant Director Crystal Jones presented to the group regarding the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding. Approximately \$56.8 million is available for projects focused upon housing within all counties declared under DR-4317.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy informed the group that Proposition D- the proposed fuel tax increase, on the November 6, 2018 ballot-failed voter approval.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REGION Q

Recycling Center Supervisor Jamie Lansford reported that the recycling center has hired new employee Davey Hicks and re-hired former employee David Foster. The Center does not have enough assistance to provide collection trailers to all communities upon request as community service hours have been significantly reduced.

OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Director Felicity Ray reported upon the business incubator. The six existing spaces are all leased, with one application issued for rental of one of the new four spaces.

Commissioner Donald Black made a motion to elect Matt Michel of Ripley County to fill the legal sector seat upon the Ozark Foothills Development Association. Mayor Angela Smith seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion carried.

OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Assistant Director Jones reported upon activities of the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF). The OFRCF fund balance as of November 30, 2018, was \$1,451,746.17.

The Doniphan School District received an award from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy of approximately \$90,000 to fund two outreach/counseling positions to support students post-flood. The award will be administered by the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission (OFRPC).

The foundation is preparing to submit an application to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) for a Rural Opportunity Health Initiatives grant in the amount of \$10,000. If awarded, applications for health-related projects within the five-county region will be accepted by the foundation.

The OFRCF received a \$10,000 grant from CFO in September to conduct a regional housing study. Proposals were solicited; yet, no responses were received. Commission staff have been in contact with a consultant who is working on submitting a proposal to begin the study at a cost of approximately \$25,000. Additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 is being requested from the Missouri Association of Councils of Government.

RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

Housing Coordinator Ilene Ward reported upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The Ripley County Public Housing Agency currently has 350 of 371 regular vouchers filled. In addition, thirty-six of the thirty-nine VASH vouchers, dedicated specifically for homeless veterans, are also filled. Section 8 rental assistance applications are not being accepted at this time. Exactly 117 families remain on the waiting list.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Carolyn Meeks reported there were thirty-six families participating in the FSS Program, and fifteen families participating in the PHA's Home Ownership Program. Special guest and homeownership participant Judy Geisinger was in attendance and recognized by Director Ray as a successful FSS program participant.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

Assistant Director Jones reported upon the grant awards received during prior quarter. They were summarized as follows:

- City of Doniphan, CDBG, Commercial Flood Buyout, \$458,507;
- Reynolds County, MODOT, BRO, \$365,660;

- Reynolds County, CDBG, BRO Match, \$85,914;
- Wayne County, CDBG, 911 Signage, \$115,116;
- Wayne County, CDBG, FEMA PA Match, \$65,440;
- Ozark Foothills RPC, EDA, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, \$96,800;
- Ozarks Tourism Project, MACOG, \$20,000;
- OFRCF, CFO Disaster PREP, Housing Study, \$10,000;
- OFRCF, CDP, Doniphan R-I School District/CDP School Counselors, \$89,890; and,
- Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce, MO Division of Tourism, DMO designation.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Director Ray reported that eleven grant applications were submitted during the prior quarter. A summary of each proposal was provided to those in attendance as an attachment to *Resolution #298*. A motion made by Pastor Greg Kirk, and seconded by Mr. Russell French authorizing submission of proposals, was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ray introduced Samantha Pennington-Evans for consideration as a legal sector representative member of the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission board. On a motion made by Dr. Gene Oakley and seconded by Ms. Margaret Carter, membership was approved.

Assistant Director Jones reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is offering free signs to mark historic flood levels throughout the region; the application deadline is May 1, 2019. Communities are encouraged to contact Crystal Jones or Chelsae Cordia for assistance with application completion.

Director Ray presented proposal revisions to the employee handbook to be considered at the March 2019 meeting. Questions regarding the proposed revisions should be directed to Felicity Ray or Crystal Jones.

On-site audit work for the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission and associated entities was completed August 2018. The onsite reports are expected soon. Electronic copies will be available upon request once received; hard copies will be provided at the March 2019 meeting.

Public input for the *Carter County Hazard Mitigation Plan* was solicited by Ms. Samantha Rodgers. A public survey is available on the OFRPC Facebook page.

The *Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan* is nearly complete. Director Ray is in the process of making revisions to the plan per FEMA/SEMA recommendation.

Dr. Oakley recognized Ripley County Presiding Commissioner Bill Kennon for his twenty-eight years of service as Member, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission and Executive Board. A commemorative plaque was presented to Commissioner Kennon.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Dr. Gene Oakley
Dr. Gene Oakley, Chairman

Date

Ms. Margaret Carter
Ms. Margaret Carter, Secretary

3/24/19
Date

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

KEVIN BYNUM
ANGELA SMITHA
WAYNE GIBBS
VINCE LAMPE
MATT MICHEL

WILLIAM KENNON
MARGARET CARTER
DENNIS COX
SAMANTHA
PENNINGTON-EVANS

RUSSELL FRENCH
GREGORY KIRK
MILDRED COURSEY
EDWARD COURSEY
DONALD BLACK

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

SUSAN MCVEY
JOHN MURRAY
GLEN SEDRIC
WAYNE OGDEN
RICK JULIUS
MIKE HOERNER

JOE LOYD
GARY COWAY, JR.
STANLEY BARTON
PAUL WOOD
BERNARD ALLEN
CARROLL RAINWATER

ANGELA CLYBURN
WILLIAM
KIRKPATRICK
PAUL JOHNSON
SR. ANNE FRANCONI

GUESTS

KIM ELLIOT
TIFFANY LUTES
LYNN SCHULTZ
JIM SCHULTZ
CLIFFORD SMITH
BECKY GIBBS

ANN ZIRKLE
GLORIA DEMENT
RONDA POLK
JUDY GEISINGER
GEORGIA WOODS
TAMMY THURMAN

LINDA KENNOR
DEBBIE COX
DELAINA HATHAWAY
SARAH FRENCH

STAFF

ILENE WARD
CAMILLE DONNELL
JAMIE LANSFORD
DAVID FOSTER
DAVEY HICKS

CHELSAE CORDIA
ALAN LUTES
NIKI HARP
CAROLYN MEEKS
ANDREW MURPHY

KEONA FERGUSON
FELICITY RAY
SAMANTHA RODGERS
CRYSTAL JONES

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