



Agenda

ROCK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. Meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

The meeting of the Rock County Housing Authority Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Chair Schulz presided. Members present: Billy Bob Grahn, Chair Kathy Schulz, Jason Heidenreich, and Michelle Ponkauskas. QUORUM PRESENT.

ABSENT: Supervisor Shirley Williams – Excused for Jury Duty

Rock County Staff Present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director), Dana Sanwick (Office Coordinator).

1. Call to Order

Introduction of Members

Each member gave a short introduction of themselves and their background. In order of introduction: Supervisor/Chair Kathy Schulz, BillyBob Grahn, Jason Heidenreich, and Michelle Ponkauskas.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by BillyBob Grahn, **Seconded** by Supervisor/Chair Schulz.
Approved (4-0)

3. **Action Item:** Approval of Minutes of the Housing Authority Meeting held June 2, 2021

Moved by Jason Heidenreich, **Seconded** by BillyBob Grahn.
Approved (4-0)

4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

5. **Possible Action Item:** Formal support of multi-jurisdiction letter sent to Rock County Court System encouraging change in the eviction procedures (if draft is available)
Tabled for now as letter is not available.

6. Continued Discussion Regarding the Role of Housing Authority in Rock County

A. Examples of Other County Housing Authority Formation and Current Activities

Andrew Baker reviewed his research regarding Housing Authorities in other Wisconsin counties. Roughly 10 counties have a Housing Authority. Three counties responded on how their Housing Authority was started and continues to be run. Suggestion from County Administrator Josh Smith is to have the Housing Authority request that the County Board fund hiring a consultant to develop the Housing Authority to meet the goals the Housing Authority wishes to do.

B. Overall Goals of the Housing Authority

Supervisor/Chair Kathy Schulz would like to make a recommendation regarding eviction and housing problems and move forward with drafting a resolution to obtain funding to provide resources to both tenants and landlords to stave off evictions.

BillyBob Grahn suggested requesting funding to hire a tenant resource officer for tenants and landlords to utilize.

Jason Heidenreich thinks the ideas above are good but reminded the committee that the Housing Authority is limited on what they can do. To implement the programs that are being suggested, changes in the authority the committee has needs to happen first.

Supervisor Kathy Schulz and Supervisor Shirley Williams have been working with County Administrator Josh Smith on a resolution to allocate some of the ARPA funds for eviction assistance.

BillyBob Grahn talked about ramping up the advertising to let the residents of Rock County know about the HOME funds available.

HOME fund ideas are to create different forgivable programs to help offset the cost of the total rehabilitation.

Action: Moving forward with drafting a resolution to hire a consultant
Moved by BillyBob Grahn, **Seconded** by Supervisor/Chair Schulz.
Approved (4-0)

7. Status Update Regarding Goals in Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Document (2019)
8. Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics
9. Discuss Future Meeting Schedule
August 4, 2021 @ 9:00AM
10. Adjournment @ 10:25AM
Moved by BillyBob Grahn, **Seconded** by Michelle Ponkauskas.

Future Meeting Dates
August 4, 2021 @ 9:00AM