

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF AMERICUS, GEORGIA

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Americus, Georgia held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 12:00 noon, at the office of the Housing Authority, 825 Mayo Street, Americus, GA. This meeting is open to the public.

Commissioner Krenson began the meeting with a prayer followed by Chairman Fuse leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Fuse also called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm and those members present and absent were as follows:

Present: Chairman Fuse
 Vice-Chairman Arnold
 Commissioner Parker
 Commissioner Krenson
 Resident Commissioner Brown
 Secretary Edge

Others: None

Absent: Commissioner Hooks

The first item of business was the election of officers. Chairman Fuse turned the meeting over to Secretary Edge to conduct the election of officers. Secretary Edge explained the process to everyone. He then asked for a motion declaring all offices vacant. Commissioner Arnold motioned and seconded by Commissioner Krenson and upon voting, the motion carried unanimously. He then opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Krenson nominated Bobby L. Fuse, Jr. for Chairman, and Ricky Arnold for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Arnold motioned, and seconded by Commissioner Krenson that the nominations would be closed. Upon voting, the vote was unanimous, electing Bobby L. Fuse, Jr. as Chairman, and Ricky Arnold as Vice-Chairman. Both Chairman Fuse, and Vice Chairman Arnold expressed gratitude to their fellow commissioners for reappointing them to their respective offices.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday, July 27, 2023. After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Brown seconded, to adopt the minutes as submitted. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for reports from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Krenson gave updates from the GAHRA Commissioners Retreat he attended at Jekyll Island.

The Chairman called for the secretary's reports.

Manager of Finance, Shelia DeLoach, presented the commissioners with the financial reports. Commissioner Krenson motioned, with Commissioner Brown seconding, to accept the financial reports as submitted. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Manager of Finance, Shelia DeLoach, presented a FY 2023 Budget Revision #2 for approval. After explanations, Commissioner Krenson motioned, with Commissioner Parker seconding, to approve the FY 2023 Budget Revision #2. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Manager of Finance, Shelia DeLoach, presented a FY 2024 Operating Budget for approval. After explanations, Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Brown seconding, to approve the FY 2024 Operating Budget. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge also presented the commissioners with the Annual Conflict of Interest Statements that were to be completed and returned.

The Chairman called for old business.

Secretary Edge gave an update on the findings from surveying the resident who would be affected by the removal of the fencing on Cherokee, Tripp, Fairfield, and Bozeman Streets. The residents overwhelmingly desires to retain the fencing due to safety reasons.

The Chairman called for new business.

At 12:45pm, Commissioner Arnold motioned, and seconded by Commissioner Parker to enter into Executive Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate Acquisition and Personnel matters. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

At 1:08pm, Commissioner Arnold motioned, and seconded by Commissioner Krenson to end the Executive Closed Session and return to the regular meeting. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously

Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Brown seconding, to approve a temporary position Manager of Technical Services Designate and Salary for the position. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge presented the 2023-2024 Schedule of Meetings, and additionally the Annual Planning/Education Meeting will be scheduled for Friday October 13, 2023 through October 14, 2023 at Calloway Garden. After discussion, Commissioner Arnold motioned and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the 2023-2024 Schedule of Meetings. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge presented an update on plans to renovate the Carter Unit to its original time period and the funds will be disbursed from the Locally Owned Program.

Secretary Edge presented an update on the Back-to-School Bash, which was a success. We served approximately 100 to 150 students.

Secretary Edge presented an update on Ridge Woods Subdivision that the mail delivery station will be completed in approximately 30 days. Also, the trees, sprinkler system, and grass will be installed in the Fall.

The Chairman called for any additional business.

There was none.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm.

I, George F. Edge, the duly appointed secretary, do hereby certify that this is a true recording of the minutes of this meeting.

George F. Edge, Secretary