

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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 Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 16, 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 Parker began the meeting with a prayer followed by Chairman Fuse leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Fuse then called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm and those members present and absent were as follows:

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

Others: None

Absent: Commissioner Hooks
 Resident Commissioner Brown

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2023. After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Parker seconding, to adopt the minutes as submitted. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for reports from the Commissioners.

Secretary Edge presented the service awards which were issued to employees, as well as, the agency at the GAHRA Annual Conference held in September 2023. The following people received service awards: Shelia DeLoach, Gail Watkins, and Bernice Johnson.

The Chairman called for the secretary's reports.

Secretary Edge presented the commissioners with the financial reports. Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Parker seconding, to accept the financial reports as submitted. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for old business.

None

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 Acquisitions. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

At 12:50pm, 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.

Secretary Edge presented a proposal to approve the Annual Performance Awards. After discussion, Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Krenson seconding the proposal for Annual Performance Awards. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge presented a proposal to Rehire a vacant maintenance position which was taken out of budget. After much discussion, Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Parker seconding, to approve rehiring this position. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge presented a proposal to upgrade the Security System by adding keypads at the Administrative Buildings entry points. After much discussion, Commissioner Krenson motioned, with Commissioner Parker seconding to approve the proposal. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge initiated a discussion regarding participation in the development of a Comprehensive Housing Plan for the Sumter County Area. Secretary Edge further advised that he was approached by a One Sumter Representative who indicated the Housing Authority of Americus needs to be involved in this process. It was voted that CEO Edge and Commissioner Krenson will participate in the GICH Certification process, if we are approached to participate.

Secretary Edge gave an update on the Governor's Security Camera Grant process. The grant will pay for the cameras, installation, and initial license agreements. The Housing Authority of Americus will be the contracting agency with

the Security Camera Company because we will be responsible for all annual-biannual fees. Both the HAA and APD will have access to the footage.

Secretary Edge presented an update on the Annual Holiday Luncheon. It will be held at South Georgia Technical College Pope Center on Tuesday, December 5th @ 12:00 noon. We will also honor our two retirees, Gary Woods and Gail Watkins. Commissioner Arnold motioned, with Commissioner Parker seconding, to give Mr. Woods, Manager of Technical Services, a retirement gift in the amount of \$1,500. Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Edge inquired about the location of our Education & Planning Meeting 2024. It was voted that the meeting will be held at Calloway Gardens again.

The Chairman called for any additional business.

Secretary Edge reminded the commissioners that in February 2024 we will be awarding Annual Housing Authority Scholars again. He further recommended making the awards ceremony a separate event from the Board Meeting, and all other things will remain the same. The Board agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Krenson, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24pm.

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