

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 5:05 pm in The Grove Event Center with Johnny Grant chairing.

Members present were Johnny Grant, George Martinez, Calvin McMullen, Joycelyn Nelson, Randy Peters, Owen Pittman, Brian Robinson, and Nolan Stephens. Ex-Officio members present were City Councilwoman Jeanette Walden and County Commissioner Henry Craig. Also present were City Councilman Walter Reynolds and County Commissioner Johnny Westmoreland.

Members Absent were: Bill Jones

Chairman Grant called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and guests. He then called for a roll call to establish a quorum. With eight members attending, a quorum was present to conduct business.

The Chair called for the approval of the Minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting. Motion by Mr. McMullen, second by Mr. Pittman. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Nelson, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Grant called for the approval of the Minutes from the December 21, 2022 meeting. Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. Pittman. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Nelson, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Grant then introduced Brian Wright of Wright and Wright, CPAs to present the Annual Audit report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Mr. Wright presented printed copies of the report to all board members, made a brief presentation, and answered questions from board members.

Following Mr. Wright's presentation, Mr. Grant called for adoption of Resolution R-2301-01 accepting the 2021-2022 Audit Report. Motion by Dr. Nelson, second by Dr. Martinez. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Nelson, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. The motion carried and Resolution R-2301-01 was adopted.

Mr. Grant then presented Resolution R-2301-02 which would set the date for the election of Authority board officers to coincide with the Authority's fiscal year. Motion to adopt by Mr. Pittman, second by Mr. McMullen. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Nelson, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. The motion carried and Resolution R-2301-02 was adopted.

In lieu of an Executive Director's report, Chairman Grant gave an update of ongoing projects and activities on campus.

Resolutions- documents passed in December have been filed with appropriate authorities.
Grove Event Center- demand for funerals, weddings, community activities.
Kitchen Project- meeting held with Byline Bank and Peach State Kitchens.
FSP Bankruptcy- remnants continue to be dealt with by Authority and attorneys.
Lawrence building- Erwin Cable continues as tenant, working toward lease w/ additional tenant.

Recent artic weather- some problems with water distribution- working w/ plumbers and city.
Flock Security cameras- cameras installed on campus to aid city and county law enforcement.
Laundry building- data center equipment installed and running.
Rivers Prison complex- Airsoft Junkies to hold event February 17-19.

Chairman Grant then stated that there was a need to go into Executive Session for real estate matters. Mr. Peters made motion to enter Executive Session, second by Dr. Martinez. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Nelson, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. Dr. Nelson excused herself to attend another meeting and Executive Session was entered at 5:45 pm.

At 6:32 pm Dr. Martinez made motion to exit Executive Session, second by Dr. Stephens. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. Chairman Grant stated that no action had been taken during the Executive Session but details of two real estate transactions were discussed.

Chairman Grant then presented Resolution R-2301-03 which would authorize the Authority to enter into a lease with DiscHub, LLC for a portion of the Lawrence building. Motion to adopt resolution made by Mr. Pittman, second by Dr. Martinez. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. Resolution R-2301-03 was adopted by seven (7) affirmative votes with two (2) members absent.

Resolution R-2301-04 was then presented which would authorize the Authority to approve four (4) legal agreements with Peach State Kitchen for lease and purchase of the Parham Kitchen property. Motion to adopt resolution by Mr. McMullen, second by Dr. Stephens. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens. Resolution R-2301-04 was adopted by seven (7) affirmative votes with two (2) members absent.

A short period of open discussion ensued followed by a motion to adjourn by Dr. Martinez, second by Mr. Peters. On vote Aye: Grant, Martinez, McMullen, Peters, Pittman, Robinson, and Stephens.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

John W. Grant, III, Chairman

Approved _____

Vote _____ Aye _____ Nay _____