

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met in regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 5:01 pm in The Grove Event Center with Johnny Grant chairing.

Members present at roll call were Johnny Grant, Bill Jones, George Martinez, Owen Pittman, Brian Robinson, and Nolan Stephens. Ex-Officio member present was County Commissioner Henry Craig. Others present were City Councilman Walter Reynolds, campus property owner Matt Roessing, Gil Pound from The Union-Recorder, and Keith Rex.

Members Absent at Roll Call: Calvin McMullen, JoyceIn Nelson, and Randy Peters.

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 six members attending, a quorum was present to conduct business.

The Chair called for the approval of the Minutes from the April 19, 2023 regular meeting. Motion by Mr. Pittman, second by Dr. Stephens. All present voted yes. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Bill Jones went over the April financial reports pointing out that we have \$290,052.42 in our checking account. The total amount due to us from the Kitchen project is \$1,450,454.99. Fiscal year 2023 net income for the Authority as of April 30 is \$127,532.02.

Chairman Grant requested Mr. Jones and the Finance committee to finalize the proposed budget for FY2024 for presentation to the board at our June meeting.

Chairman Grant presented proposed by-laws amendments that had been initially discussed in February when the by-Laws were adopted. The amendments would allow for officers other than the chair to be able to call a board meeting and would limit the total amount of time available for public comment at a meeting. The amendments were distributed to the board in writing at least ten days prior to today's meeting. Mr. Robinson made the motion to adopt the amendments, Mr. Pittman seconded. All present voted yes and the amendments were adopted.

Chairman Grant called on Brian Robinson to give an update on the Kitchen Project. Mr. Robinson explained about the progress on developing cost estimates for the kitchen floor repairs. We hope to have detailed estimates by mid-June so we can begin final negotiations on the sale of the facility.

Mr. Grant continued the updates by giving a report on the activity at the Grove Events Center. Two weddings and a funeral have been held in the Chapel since last month's meeting. We are working through problems at the Lawrence Building to enable our tenants to obtain all of the documentation needed for business licenses.

Following the discussion at the April board meeting a lease amendment has been prepared for Erwin Cable Company. Beginning July 1, 2023 the current lease will be continued on a month-to-month basis under the existing terms. Either party may terminate with 30 days notice. Mr Pittman made motion to amend the lease as presented, Dr. Martinez seconded. All present voted yes and the lease amendment was approved.

Chairman Grant shared a request from Sam Asadi with AirSoft Junkies to use the Rivers Prison facility in February 2024 for another AirSoft Tournament. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Pittman and seconded by Dr. Martinez to reserve the date for the tournament and negotiate a license with AirSoft Junkies to allow them to use the facility based on the previous license parameters. All present voted yes.

Chairman Grant shared news that Governor Kemp had transferred the Boland Building, former site of the Youth Challenge Academy, from the Georgia Department of Defense to DBHDD to be utilized as an evacuation site for the mental health hospital in Savannah.

Chairman Grant then called on Mr. Walter Reynolds to introduce Mr. Keith Rex to the board. Mr. Rex is an investor that is looking to buy some property on campus. Further discussion will take place in the future to identify possibilities.

Chairman Grant then stated that there was a need to go into Executive Session for real estate matters. Mr. Jones made motion to enter Executive Session, second by Mr. Robinson. All present voted yes.

Executive Session was entered at 5:33 pm.

Calvin McMullen joined the meeting at 5:50 pm.

At 5:58 pm Mr. Jones made the motion to exit Executive Session, second by Dr. Martinez. All present voted yes. Chairman Grant stated that no action had been taken during the Executive Session.

Chairman Grant then presented Resolution R-2305-01 to approve a purchase and sale agreement for the Staff Dorms and Apartments and the Crittenden Building. Motion to adopt resolution made by Mr. Jones, second by Mr. Pittman. All present voted yes. Resolution R-2305-01 was adopted.

Chairman Grant appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of George Martinez, Nolan Stephens, and Owen Pittman with George Martinez to serve as chairman. The committee is tasked to prepare a slate of nominees for officers of the Authority for presentation at our board meeting on June 19.

There being no further business or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McMullen, second by Dr. Martinez. All present voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

John W. Grant, III, Chairman

Approved _____

Vote _____ Aye _____ Nay _____