



HOUSING COMMITTEE

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1. Meeting Called to Order: A meeting of the Osceola County Housing Committee (Committee) was convened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2018. The following individuals were in attendance:

- a. Jack Nehmer, Osceola County Commissioner / Housing Committee Member
- b. Ron Sikkema, Housing Committee Member
- c. Dan Massy, Community Development Coordinator

2. Approval of Agenda:

(18-04) *Motion by Jack Nehmer, supported by Ron Sikkema, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.*

3. Loan Repayment / Program Income (PI) – 148 E. Lincoln, Reed City: Dan explained that the house at 148 E. Lincoln, Reed City was involved in a fire and is likely a total loss. He informed the Board of the following:

- a. They have a \$40,300 lien (Program Income) on the property.
- b. If more than \$35,000 in Program Income is received in any one program year (7/1 -6/30) the entire amount must be returned to the State.
- c. The County's Program Guidelines, which have been approved by MSHDA, allow the Board of Commissioners to forgive the loan or a portion of a loan if repayment will cause undue hardship or "if it is in the best interest of the County".
- d. He verified with MSHDA that forgiving a portion of the loan, with the sole purpose of being able to keep the Program Income at the County would be acceptable.
- e. He recommended forgiving \$5,400 in order to reduce the payoff to the County to \$34,900.

(18-05) *Motion by Ron Sikkema, supported by Jack Nehmer, to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that \$5,400 of the loan for 148 E. Lincoln, Reed City be forgiven. Motion passed.*

4. Housing Program – Next Steps: The Committee discussed the future of the housing program. The State is no longer funding the program and the County can't keep Program Income if it exceeds \$35,000 in a program year (7/1 – 6/30). Dan stated that MSHDA has kept the administrative burdens on the program, MSHDA has reduced the administrative fee down to

5% and eliminated Activity Delivery Fees, and that the program is too difficult to administer without a Third Party Administrator. After discussing options it was decided that Dan will contact Lindsay Hager, our current Third Party Administrator, and see if something can be worked out.

5. Public Comments: None; no members of the public were present.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m. A date for the next Housing Committee meeting was not established.

(18-06) *Motion by Jack Nehmer, supported by Ron Sikkema, to adjourn. Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Massy
Community Development Coordinator