

HOUSING AND PUBLIC CONSERVATOR ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2021 – 11:15 a.m.
Howard Male Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Marty Thomson, Chair
Don Gilmet
Dave Karschnick
Robert Adrian, guest

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Sumerix-Bates, Executive Manager
Nicki Janish, Public Conservator
LeAnn Fischer, Housing Consulting Services
Mike Kieliszewski, Home Improvement Inspector
Lynn Bunting, Board Assistant

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Marty Thomson reported there is no longer a Housing Director and thanked Nicki for stepping up to assist with the program. Chair Thomson introduced LeAnn Fischer, Housing Consulting Services, reporting she does housing for other counties. LeAnn Fischer gave a background of her services for the three current counties she contracts with: Oscoda, Ogemaw, and Arenac. LeAnn stated that she writes her own grants for programs through the USDA for Housing. She noted that she has the same terms and conditions of a third-party agreement with the current three counties she services.

LeAnn informed the committee that her program and grants are 100% funded with no county funds needed. She reported that she hires her own staff providing workers comp and liability insurance and does her own budget with contracting on her own with a home improvement inspector.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Thomson reported there are two current outstanding jobs to finish. The committee discussed on how to handle the current outstanding jobs. LeAnn reported she will need to know the following if approved to move forward: 1) Funding Sources, 2) MEDC – LeAnn would contact what was turned in and make sure the numbers are correct, 3) MEDC – LeAnn would contact to see if any projects are approved and get permission to do projects.

INFORMATION ITEM: Ms. Fischer passed out a copy of a third-party agreement she currently has with one of the counties for the committee's review. She passed out her contact information to the committee. Discussion on rent and office equipment and she stated she does not pay rent as it is an in-kind expense from the other three counties.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Thomson asked that Nicki be appointed as acting director of Home Improvement until a decision is made to go with a third party. Moved by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to appoint Nicki Janish as Acting Director of Home Improvement and give her the authority to conduct business until a decision is made on the direction of the process. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Mike Kieliszewski, Home Improvement Inspector, reported that there are some items left unfinished and shared his concerns. Nicki reported that she will contact one of the homeowners to schedule a meeting with her and will have her bring the written documents of discussion.

Moved Commissioner Gilmet with support by Commissioner Karschnick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.


Marty Thomson, Chair

Lynn Bunting, Board Assistant

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