

**TREECE TRUSTEE MEETING  
CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
3/24/11- 11:30 AM**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Betty McBride

Roll Call: McBride, Dahmen, Hamilton, with Bicknell & Delmont via conf. call.

Staff: Bob Jurgens, Ryan Singer

Legal Counsel: Wm .Morin

MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton) to approve the minutes of the 3/17 & 3/23 meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Offers to Purchase Status:** Jurgens reported 46 residents have accepted offers; 2 businesses; 4 renters; 7 vacant lot owners; 5 storage lot owners. 12 owners have not accepted the offers, 2 are on the fence, 2 definite NO's, several lots (vacant) have yet to have their owners ID'd. No new offers signed as of today.

**Payment Status:** Dahmen reported all payments were current to closing companies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Phase II Appraisals:** Jurgens requested an executive session to discuss values/offers plus the matter of pre-2006 ownership issues.

**Authorization letters:** Authorization is at the accountant's office for the issuance of the additional 20% (\$5k min/\$10k max). Letters are being sent to all property owners (Market adjustment letters).

**Residential Inspection status:** 27 residents have been inspected.

**Legislative report:** Chairman Bicknell reported that Rep Gatewood and the new representative from Pittsburg are working to find a bill in the Kansas Legislature to which our request might be attached.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** Next event is April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 2:00. KDHE will be there. Residents have asked for additional dumpsters. Unfortunately, the previously placed dumpsters were abused (tires, tree limbs, etc.) City Clerk Pruitt indicated the City of Treece had limited funds, but felt they could possibly handle one cost (\$400). However, Mayor Blunk has expressed a desire not to provide them.

**MMSC (Dahmen/Bicknell) to have the Trust supply one dumpster for one day, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, with the cost incurred by the Trust.**

**Auction Services:** Chestnutt & Chestnutt contract is being prepared. KDHE is also preparing a list of items to be included in the auction bill.

**City Close Down Status:** Pam Pruitt is waiting on a phone call from Kevin Cure before they can proceed. She shared that with the rapid relocation of the residents, funds are not coming in as they once did. She shared the City has small balances in their water & sewer funds.

**Rural Water District:** John Houser reported that nobody from Treece has contacted him in the last 3-4 months about hooking up to RWD services. It appears at this point, the Carters and Davis' may stay, and will need to make arrangements soon.

**Easements:** Pam Pruitt reported that in her search, no easements have been found for city utilities. In discussions, the general feeling of the Trustees was the remaining persons will have to pay for easements for services, not the Trust.

Judy Blunk appeared before the Trustees requesting the Trust to pay for a new 25'x30' dog run at their new location. Bob Jurgens indicated to Mrs. Blunk she would have to bring total costs for the Trustees to consider.

**MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton) to go into executive session from 12:20 to 12:50 to discuss aspects of property acquisition with legal counsel.**

Time being of the essence, the Trust went back into regular session at 12:50

**MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to approve the following properties as to values and offer letters: ORW-28, ORM-32, ORM-33, ORM-34, ORM-35, ORM-36 and R-5 and R-7.**

**MMSC (Hamilton/Bicknell)** that the 20% (\$5k min/\$10k max) offer applies to only those residential properties having appraisals and only to those properties having the same documented ownership prior to March 2006.

Larry & Marlene Burton (owners of the church on Main Street) have requested permission to remove a storage shed behind the church.

**MMSC (Delmont/Hamilton) to allow removal of the storage shed behind the church.**

**Next Meetings:** April 7<sup>th</sup>@ 11:30; April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 both in the Court House.

**MMSC (Bicknell/Delmont) to adjourn.**

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Jim Dahmen, Secretary 3/24/11