

**TREECE RELOCATION ASSISTANT TRUST MEETING**  
**March 17, 2011; CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE**  
**9:00 AM**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair McBride

Roll Call: McBride, Dahmen, Hamilton, with Bicknell & Delmont via teleconference

Staff: Jurgens, Singer

Legal Counsel: Morin

MMSC (Delmont/Bicknell) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Offers to Purchase Status: Jurgens; No new applications or offers to purchase executed letters. Letters are going out to reflect the 20% (\$5K/\$10K min/max) next week. It is hoped the additional funds could go out in the next week to 10 days. We will need to revise our Expenditure Request application to EPA to reflect only the need for funds to cover the amount on those properties already closed. The next Expenditure Request will reflect the needed funds to change the offer letters still outstanding, with the \$5K/\$10K (min/max) explained in said letters per Vice Chair McBride's recommendation, and further emphasizing that this is the last and final offer.

Invoices: Jurgens submitted 14 properties on which the closing companies had submitted charges of \$5,772.14. Jurgens noted that some of the invoices had been paid in previous billings and asked Jim Dahmen to sort out the invoices and pay the outstanding obligations of the above amount.

MMSC (Hamilton/Delmont) to rescind the previous expenditure request of 3/11 & replace it with a new expenditure request of \$322,510.01, and submit the request today.

Governors/Legislative Report: Jurgens reported he had received the approval letter from the Governor's office. Jurgens further reported we were on track as it relates to the budget

Vacant Lot Offers/Statute Change: Bicknell reported he had not heard back as to the status of legislation authorizing the Trust to modify the handling of vacant lot offers.

Phase II Status: Singer reported that some of the minor issues were still being worked out with the appraisers, but should be ready for Trust review at the next meeting.

Residential Walk-through status: Jurgens reported he had completed those that he could with the help of staff from the KDHE office in Frontenac.

Break-ins: Jurgens reported the church at Treece had been broken into with a substantial amount of the copper wire stripped from the building. He suggested the A/C should be disconnected and placed inside the building, with the building being locked up.

Items Removal Requests: None.

Auctioneer/Brokerage Services: Dan Wooten and Bob Jurgens inspected a number of mobile homes. Jurgens feels a Brokerage approach would not work, and Wooten agreed, because of the limited number of quality units. They recommended a live auction(s). An RFP has been sent out to auction service companies. Received two responses;

Torchia/Holmes; Chestnutt & Chestnutt. Torchia did not submit a daily fee rate in their bid. The bids were opened:

Torchia/Holmes: 0-\$500	25% fee
501-\$5,000	20%
Clerk fee	included

Advertising \$1,000 max  
No fixed daily fee offered or quoted

Chestnutt & Chestnutt:

0-\$500	10%
501-\$5,000	7%
\$5,000+	3%
Advertising	\$750

Fixed daily fee, \$1,000 no restrictions on volume

Jurgens mentioned that auction services are much easier to coordinate for KDHE.

MMSC (Dahmen/Delmont) to go with the auction approach.

MMSC (Dahmen/Bicknell) to accept the bid of Chestnutt & Chestnutt. NOTE: McBride abstained from voting.

There are a bout 31 mobile homes with 6 having good resale value.

Salvage Rights on Wood framed Structures:

MMSC (Hamilton/Bicknell) to attempt to sell wood framed homes via auction, with a clause in the sales agreement the buyer can either move the home or salvage it.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tyree Frazer: Asked if he and his family could remain in the home until the school year ends. He also asked if they could move the outbuildings so long as the cost did not exceed the offer price. Vice Chair McBride emphasized the Trust cannot exceed the offer price and requested Mr. Frazer put all the cost figures for moving and get the cost estimates to Bob Jurgens.

Judy Blunk: Reported the land they are buying has been finally surveyed.

HHW via EPA: Jurgens reported the turn out was less than hoped for but Gary Baumgarden of EPA had 12 people down. The next effort will be April 9<sup>th</sup>.

MMSC (Bicknell/Hamilton) to allow Emerson Fitzgerald to remove kitchen cabinets, bathroom cabinets, and a water heater.

Acceptance status: Jurgens reported that 11 homeowners had not accepted offers, and that 2 or 3 had indicated they would not be moving.

Next meetings: 3/23, 6:00 pm Ottawa Co. Offices, Picher; 3/24, 11:30 am CK Co. Crthse.

MMSC (Bicknell/Delmont) to adjourn

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Jim Dahmen, Secretary, 3/17/11