

**TREECE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TRUST  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2011, 6:00 PM OTTAWA CO. OFFICES**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair McBride

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

Staff: Bob Jurgens, Ryan Singer

Meeting Purpose: To explain the Plan revisions and the 20% (\$5k min/\$10k max) increase in settlement offers

Bob Jurgens was invited to address the gathering of approximately 50 people.

Bob explained that 76 offers had been sent out. (58 res., 2 bus., 4 renters., 5 vacant homes., 7 vacant lots).

To date, 46 residents have accepted, 12 residents remain, with 8 more than likely to accept, a couple of NO's, and a couple undecided.

Operating Plan has been revised and approved by the Governor, resulting in a 20% increase in offers to all residential participants, with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$10,000 be offered to each residential owner residing in Treece prior to March 2006. The Trustees have ratified the change, and hopefully checks will be going out next week. An additional letter will be sent to everyone, explaining the changes and the process the Trust will follow.

No end-date has been set for when all city services will be terminated. Jurgens encouraged everyone who wants to remain in Treece to contact the Rural Water District for water connections, Cherokee County Health Department for permits for septic tank installation, and a propane gas provider for gas services, if the KGS petitions the KCC to release them from their certificate of convenience for serving Treece.

Phase II will start soon. This involves those parties who moved in after March 2006. Phase III will start shortly thereafter. Demolition Phase will hopefully begin in late fall or early winter. In the meantime, mobile homes will be auctioned off. No date has been set for this yet, however, it is hoped to be in the next 2-3 weeks.

Next Household Hazardous Waste collection service will be April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00.

Q&A:

Will carports and storage buildings be auctioned off? Yes.

Will the city's assets like the water tower be auctioned off? Yes.

When does Phase II start? Appraisals have been done. At the next Trustees meeting, the values will be voted on.

Is the Gas Company pulling out? They are pulling out of Picher. The KGS has to petition the KCC for approval to withdraw from serving.

Do utility bills have to be paid before closing to get the \$3,000 held back? Yes. Jurgens explained the process. Also, KDHE has to inspect the property before the closing company can release the funds. We would like to pick up the key on the inspection date. Please remove all household chemicals before inspection.

Will another dumpster be provided? Mayor Blunk responded that people had not been following the rules, and because of that, the city may not provide an additional one.

Meeting adjourned.

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Jim Dahmen, Secretary, 3/23/11