

HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
1805 Harney St, Omaha, Nebraska 68102
11:15 a.m. May 13, 2016

Chair Jennifer Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. The meeting falls under the Open Meetings Act and copies of the law were available near the entrance of the room.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Jennifer Taylor, Chair
Jamie Berglund
David Levy
George Achola
Commissioners Absent: Karen Watson, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Judith Carlin, Brian Hansen, Gale Sayers-Proby, Steve Schrader, Mark Tosone, Marie Allison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Taylor opened the discussion for questions. Commissioner Levy stated there was no question that there was a need for the system upgrade but asked for a synopsis of OHA's approach to solving the problems caused by the network. Mr. Tosone responded the original network was procured in 2006 and is so antiquated it will not be repairable if it goes down. The current system has ten percent of the speed the new upgrade will bring. The speed of the new system will be much improved and have a five to seven year life span before the servers are upgraded. Additionally, the servers will then be able to be physically transported from Jackson Tower, which will be far more advantageous and secure.

Mr. Schrader noted there were multiple additions to the current system that made it so there were a multitude of bills as locations were added. The new upgrades will make it so the software and hardware communicating are of one type and efficient. All new upgrades will result in a decrease in costs and increase in staff productivity. Hardware will be upgraded gradually and a separate investment.

Commissioner Achola asked staff to confirm the process adhered to all provisions and that OHA explored how other agencies' did their upgrades before committing to this solution. Ms. Carlin and Mr. Schrader confirmed this was the case. Commissioner Achola added it would be beneficial to do a specific breakdown of the areas in which OHA will save money by doing this upgrade and present documentation and savings analysis from competitors and the current versus new system.

MOTION by Commissioner Achola, seconded by Commissioner Levy, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda and upgrade the system for the purpose of agency functionality. Motion passed (4-0).

Commissioner Berglund – Aye
Commissioner Achola – Aye
Commissioner Levy – Aye
Chair Taylor – Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Berglund to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Achola. Motion passed (4-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Future Meeting Schedule
May 26, 2016