

**Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency**  
**Called Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2018**

The Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency (PBURA) held its regular monthly meeting on August 14, 2018 at The Baim Law Firm.

The following commissioners were in attendance:

Jimmy Dill, chair  
Lloyd Franklin, Sr.  
Travis Martin  
Kirby Mouser

Commissioner Rita Conley was absent.

Also in attendance were:

Leigh Cockrum  
Joseph McCorvey  
Maurice Taggart  
Lori Walker  
Ryan Watley

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Dill.

Commissioner Dill thanked Maurice Taggart for joining us tonight. Mr. Taggart has accepted the position of Executive Director of the PBURA.

Resolution No. 001 to Adopt the Budget of the Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency was read. The budget worksheet was changed to reflect the year 2018. It was recommended to bring demolition crew in as extra workers at first and the PBURA to buy own equipment. When houses are torn down, who is responsible for mowing? Does Code Enforcement have the capacity to keep the lots mowed?

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to approve Resolution 001 as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and was APPROVED.

Resolution No. 002 Approving Undertaking the Phase Two Construction of the Plaza at 601 South Main as an Urban Renewal Project was read.

Commissioner Mouser made a MOTION to approve Resolution 002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin and was APPROVED.

Resolution No. 003 Authorizing Renovations to the Pine Bluff Convention Center Arena as an Urban Renewal Project was read.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to approve Resolution 003. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouser and was APPROVED.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to authorize Chairman Jimmy Dill to sign a MOU between the Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency and the Pine Bluff Civic Auditorium Commission. The MOU was read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouser and was APPROVED.

Resolution No. 004 Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment for the Remediation of Blight was read. The challenge will be to get qualified workers. There is a possibility of using Arkansas Department of Corrections workers.

Commissioner Martin made a MOTION to approve Resolution 004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouser and was APPROVED.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to add one additional roll-off dumpster to the equipment purchase so that the PBURA would have a total of five dumpsters so that on special project days there would be the ability to have one in each ward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and was APPROVED.

Commissioner Martin made a MOTION to adjust the budget by moving \$10,000 from the truck purchase line item (\$160K to \$150K) to the roll-off dumpster line item (\$35K to \$45K). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin and was APPROVED.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Historic Preservation Consultant was reviewed. Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to approve the RFQ as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and was APPROVED.

The commissioners reviewed the bids for the demolition of five houses that was properly approved, advertised, and bids submitted. The bids were opened earlier today.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to accept the bid from Robert Knott, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and was approved.

There being no further business or public comments, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Leigh Cockrum  
Leigh Cockrum  
Recorder

/s/ Wm. Kirby Mouser  
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Secretary