

## **County-Owned Property**

**Agenda September 7, 2023 at 4:00pm**

**Historic Courthouse, First Floor Conference Room**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer and Pledge
3. Election of Committee Leadership
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment: Community members will have 3 minutes to provide comment on topics that relate to agenda items
5. Approval of August Minutes
6. Update and potential transfer of county properties to Eastern Eight.
7. County Farm
  - Update regarding historical work
  - Discussion and potential action on revised Request for Proposals
8. Mayor Grandy discuss Gray Library Building
9. New Business
10. Old Business
11. Adjournment

# Washington County County-Owned Property Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 4:00 pm

Historic Courthouse, First Floor Conference Room

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**Committee Members Attending:** Committee Chair Jodi Jones, County Commissioners Larry England, Richard Tucker and Freddie Malone.

**Committee Members Absent:** Mayor Joe Grandy

**Others in Attendance:** Reference the attached list.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by** Chair Jones who led those in attendance in a silent prayer, followed by pledge to the flag.

**Agenda Approval:** Chair Jones then requested review and approval of the meeting agenda. Motion was made by Tucker to approve the agenda, seconded by England, and passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Chair Jones asked if any in attendance wished to offer a public comment and then recognized the following 3 members of the audience to speak:

- Barbara Cara, 369 Emma Grace Drive
- Philip Brandt, 148 Jim Town Road
- Tess Lloyd, 296 County Farm Road

**Minutes Approval:** Chair Jones requested any comments or changes to the June 2023 minutes. Hearing none, England made a motion to approve the minutes. Tucker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Discussion regarding County properties planned for auction and potential action regarding donation to non-profit organizations:** Chair Jones then recognized the County Purchasing Director, Willie Shrewsbury, and together they provided an update of the recently held online auction of County-owned surplus properties. At the public auction, 17 of 50 properties were sold. Shrewsbury intends to hold another online auction in October 2023. Chair Jones then provided additional materials regarding County-owned surplus properties and their status including interest from non-profits.

**Update and discussion regarding Citi Property (presented in HEW):** Chair Jones then provided a brief update on the Washington County School System's potential interest in the Citi building in Gray for renovation into a school. Superintendent Boyd had provided an update to the HEW Committee but emphasized that there were some outstanding questions to be answered before moving forward.

**County Farm:** Chair Jones then recognized Anne G'Fellers-Mason, the Executive Director of The Heritage Alliance, who provided a brief history of the County Farm property based on her research. Mason mentioned that additional research was underway and Chair Jones invited her to attend a future meeting to share any new information.

Chair Jones then led a review and discussion regarding the draft Request for Proposals (“RFP”) related to the County Farm property. Several changes to the RFP were suggested including a broader request scope beyond just a lease, an extended RFP deadline, disclosure regarding the current zoning and the on-site cemetery, and the need for proposals to include specifics costs and funding plans. Chair Jones and Director Shrewsbury agreed to revise the RFP for review at the next meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Tucker and seconded by England, with all in agreement, and the meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

**Attachments:**

- List of others in attendance.
- Draft Request for Proposal related to the County Farm.

**Action Items:**

- Chair Jones to continue working with Director Shrewsbury on the RFP related to the County Farm.
- Chair Jones to follow up with the Washington County Sheriff regarding their potential assistance with cleaning up the cemetery area at the County Farm.

**Respectfully submitted by** Committee Secretary Malone.