

April 19, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Lorain County, Ohio met this day in a regular meeting, in the J. Grant Keys Administration Building, 226 Middle Avenue, Elyria, Ohio, at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioner Matt Lundy, President, Commissioner Michelle Hung, Vice-President and Commissioner David J. Moore, Member and Theresa L. Upton, Clerk

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Commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lundy gave an inspiration word

Clerk called roll; Commissioner Lundy, Commissioner Hung & Commissioner Moore – All Present

The following business was transacted

A.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 a.m. – CHIP PY22– Drake Hopewell & Ian Berry, LCCDD and Tiffany Shaver, Planning & Development Coordinator, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP)

Drake Hopewell said good morning Commissioners and thank you for hosting the 1st public hearing on the 2022 Community Housing Impact Preservation (CHIP). This is a program the county has hosted for approximately 25 years and through the program, they assist income eligible households across Lorain County except for the entitlement cities for home repair or home rehabilitation. Tiffany Shaver, Planning & Development Coordinator, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership is here today, who is the county's CHIP consultant and she will give information on the program, application process and key points.

Tiffany Shaver thanked the Commissioners for having her this morning. As Drake mentioned, we are having the 1st public hearing that covers the CDBG eligible activities and will have the 2nd public hearing once the activities are identified as to what will be applied for. They will be hosting this afternoon, a Housing Advisory Committee meeting of all the housing stakeholders within the county that will help them determine what those activities are. Approximate funding that is anticipated statewide for the community housing impact preservation is \$24,380,000 and is based on the draft consolidated plan from the State of Ohio and are in the process to hold the 2nd public hearing next week but anticipate that funding amount will equal to what they published in the draft. The CHIP grant is where the county is anticipated to request funding that includes homes and CDBG funds and a small portion coming from the Ohio Trust Fund. Under the current CHIP, State encourages cities to partner in their CHIP application and county can apply alone for a base funding of \$400,000. Within Lorain County the eligible jurisdictions to partner with are; Cities of Oberlin, Sheffield Lake, North Ridgeville and Amherst, which is new this year and will bring the total request to apply for would be \$1.6 million. This will assist residents within the communities, like Drake mentioned the county cannot help the entitled communities of Lorain and Elyria, since they receive their funding from HUD directly, so not able to assist them with county funds. Partners are currently drafting a partnership agreement and within the agreement it will spell out each community and as the grant administrator, they do everything to spend the amount of dollars in the communities within a length of time. If there are no more applications then they will spend it within the county on said files. Lorain County, historically has not had a problem with having applicants and being able to spend such funds. A 2nd public hearing will be held and was just working with Theresa, the 2nd hearing will be on June 8 and will determine which activities will be applied for. Application is due to the State no later than June 22.

She asked if anyone had any questions.

Commissioner Lundy asked when do they hear back from the State, after they make the submission? Shaver said typically around September and this is a new timing for the State. Historically it has always been around the 1st of May, that applications are due, but the State shifted their timeline to make it more in line with the construction season. She is not exactly sure, but estimating September timeframe, to hear if it was funded or not.

Lundy asked if there were any big changes this year compared to previous years? He knows that she talked about the addition of Amherst, but as far as what is eligible or guidelines. Shaver said there are a few changes. One being notable is the State has taken out of the CHIP application, that was in previously would be to partner with a local habitat affiliates. They are now taking the funds and funding the State Habitat and the reason they did this was because, whenever they would apply through a CIHP grant, like she said they are meeting this afternoon with all the stakeholders and as you know, many habitat affiliates are volunteer boards and so much can change in a very short period of time. They are meeting now in April, don't know if they get funded until September and by the time they get to build and being part of the application could be changes they are bound to spend that money within Lorain County. One little hiccup can turn it upside down and if for some reason that habitat can not build that leaves them scrambling, you as a county with grant amendments. So what was happening, is that a lot of habitats were not getting served with the funds, so the State said they are going to give it to the State Habitat, which Ryan Miller, Director has been very active with all the state planning committees and has the flexibility. Say, Lorain County would loose that habitat, he could shift the funds to other habitats within the State of Ohio. So it will not put the jurisdictions, or counties at stake and the habitats will be better served. One other notable change, which went into effect in 2021 and will be written into the new application. Previously on the private owner rehab activity within the grant and historically Lorain County has applied for. There was always a mortgage put onto the home and left on the home for an affordability period, typically 5 years and at the end of the 5 years, there was 20% that was left remained owning. The State of Ohio says now, that is fully forgiven at the end of the 5 year period. Lorain County has already been doing this, but there were some communities had that 20%, so for Lorain County there will be no change, so the State of Ohio has now given that local flexibility. These are the 2 biggest changes they have seen this year. Commissioner Moore said the State takes a while to catch up to Lorain County.

Lundy asked if the overall pot of money changed? Shaver said looking at the \$24 million, this is about the same and was on a call yesterday with the State. She mentioned some of the funds that are going to Ohio Housing Trust Fund dollars has increased because those funds are generated at the state level based upon the home sales and as we all know; the prices of homes are through the roof right now. So this pot has increased from over last year around \$5 million more. So they have not allocated yet, they are still going through the budget process as to how much will be allocated to CHIP.

Lundy asked if there were any further questions? Seeing none thanked Tiffany and Drake for coming.

Lundy said there is no one here for public comments.

Motion by Lundy, seconded by Moore to close hearing. Upon roll call the vote taken thereon, resulted as: Ayes: Lundy, Moore & Hung / Nays: None

Motion carried. _____ (discussion was held on the above)

B.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business today.

C.

CLERK'S REPORT

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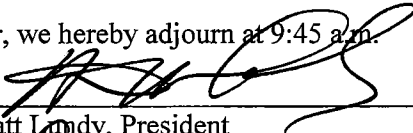
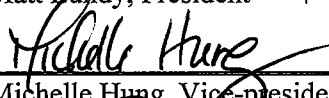
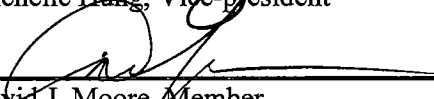
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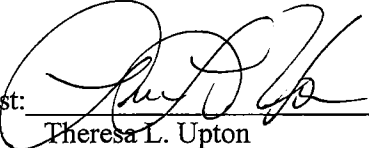
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ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Lundy said if there is nothing further, we hereby adjourn at 9:45 a.m.


 _____)Commissioners
 Matt Lundy, President)

 _____)of
 Michelle Hung, Vice-president)

 _____)Lorain County
 David J. Moore, Member)Ohio

Attest: 
 Theresa L. Upton, Clerk