

PUTNAM COUNTY DILAPIDATED & ABANDONED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

DAEA

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Putnam County Dilapidated and Abandoned Enforcement Agency met on Thursday, April 6th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Putnam County Courthouse, Second Floor, Room 202.

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by DAEA President Mr. John Smoot.
2. Roll call was taken by Jonathan Smith and a quorum was present.

Members present: John Smoot, David Coll, Sheriff Bobby Eggleton, Nicholas King

Members absent: Charity Fellure, Brett Hodgdon

Staff Present: Jonathan Smith

Others in Attendance: Larry Frye

3. **MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of March 2nd, 2023.

The motion was made by Sheriff Eggleton and seconded by David Coll to approve the March 2nd, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** REVIEW OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO RECOMMEND TO COUNTY COMMISSION FOR ACTION:

1. **DAEA CASE 2021-56: 289 Kanawha View Road, Red House, WV**

- Reference photos
- Need to check in April to see if the taxes have been paid.
- Cases was started in 2021 – new complaint was submitted in March 2023
- Unable to serve owner in 2021.
 - Staff has yet to define the owner of the property. This case will likely lay dormant until the state auctions off the property and a new owner is defined. Sherriff Eggleton motioned to table this case until a new owner is identified. The motion was seconded by Nicholas King. Motion carried.

2. **DAEA CASE 2022-16: 12657 Charleston Road, Red House, WV**

- We are ready to start seeking contractors to complete this clean-up.
- Check in April to see if the property taxes were paid, if yes proceed with clean-up
- Reference photos
 - Although the County Commission previously motioned to seek a contractor to finalize demolition and clean up the property, staff cannot locate a property owner to serve. Discussion ensued with Larry Frye about the board's options. Sheriff Eggleton feels the property is a health hazard and should be cleaned up regardless, even if the county must absorb the cost. Sheriff Eggleton made a motion to proceed with the process of hiring a contractor to finish demolition and cleanup of the property.

Nicholas King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. DAEA CASE 2022-66: 155 Skyrock Lane, Hurricane, WV

- The owner was allowed 60 days to complete the clean-up.
- That time has expired as of March 31, 2023
- How would the DAEA Board like to proceed?
- Check back in April to see if the taxes were paid on this property.
 - Recently received photos show that one trailer has possibly been moved from the right of way. The owner is in violation of the imposed 60-day order. The board debated if a contractor can be hired to clean up the property. It was decided that the matter should be sent back to the County Commission for review and decision. The Office of Planning and Infrastructure is to collaborate with the Sheriff and the Putnam County Health Department about this case. Nicholas King motioned to table the discussion pending the collaboration mentioned above. The Sheriff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

• **DAEA CASE 2023-03: 15059 Charleston Road, Red House, WV**

- Waiting on return signature card
- Reference photos
 - Certified letters to the proposed owner of the property continue to be returned to the sender, even though the property appears to be occupied. The next option is for the Sheriff to process serve the owner. Sheriff Eggleton motioned to table the discussion until the owner is served. David Coll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

• **DAEA CASE 2023-04: 1201 Hedrick Road, Scott Depot, WV**

- Waiting on return signature card
- Reference photos
 - Staff received the signature confirmation card in the mail. Sheriff Eggleton agreed to send notice to the property owner about the non-functional automobiles on the property. The Sheriff motioned to table the discussion until the notice is sent. David Coll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

• **DAEA CASE 2023-05: 1158 Hedrick Road, Scott Depot, WV**

- Waiting on return signature card
- Need to check in April to see if the taxes have been paid.
- Reference photos
 - Staff received the signature card in the mail. The property owner sent photos and receipts showing that the pile of concrete debris has been cleaned up. President Smoot made mention of a large propane tank depicted in the photos. Sheriff Eggleton made a motion to close this case. Nicholas King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

8. STAFF REPORT:

Jonathan Smith informed the board that his last day of employment with the county will be April 14th, 2023. Jonathan has agreed to take calls and answer questions as the board requires. Mr. Smith informed the board that there will be at least three (3) new cases to review and discuss in May.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Sheriff Eggleton motioned to adjourn at 10:38 am. David Coll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted for approval:

Date: 5/4/23

Board President:

ABSENT

Board Vice President:

[Signature]