

**MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSE-OUT OF 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR WATER HOOK-UP PROJECT HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING ROOM # 325 ON APRIL 30, 2007 AT 4:45 PM.**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Clinton G. Alston. Other Commissioners present: William "Bill" Davis, Earnest Fleming, Barry Richardson, and Ulysses S. Ross. Also in attendance: Linda T. Jones, County Manager and Barry Mayo, Finance Director.

Clerk to the Board Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read aloud the notice of public hearing. There were no citizen comments.

In the absence of Dera Adair, Kerr Tar Regional Council of Government CDBG Administrator, Timothy Baynes, COG Executive Director gave a brief overview of the program and close-out procedures.

*The Infrastructure Hook-Up Program is designed to enable eligible local governments with existing public water and/or sewer line(s) to connect or "hook-up" low and moderate-income (LMI) households to non-CDBG funded line(s). CDBG funds may only be used to connect LMI owner-occupied dwellings and LMI tenant-occupied dwellings provided the landlord is also LMI. The maximum grant amount for a hook-up grant program is \$75,000. The maximum number of households allowed to be hooked up to the water system by the grant was 22.*

*With the approval of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments assisted the County in submitting a successful application for \$75,000.00 to the Division of Community Assistance (DCA) for the CDBG Water Hook-Up Program. The County also chose Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments to administer the Hook-Up Program for the County.*

*Warren County} was given a period of 15 months to complete the Hook-Up Grant Program. Funds were available for the following activities:*

- 1) tap-on or assessment fee to connect to the line,*
- 2) Service connection for the private property,*
- 3) Use of special equipment such as grinder pumps or vacuum pits to transport residential . wastewater to the existing sewer lines,*
- 4) Cost to remove septic tanks or cap wells, as required by the health department,*
- 5) Repairs to a LMI household's leaking water pipes provided that it is documented that the leaking pipes are a result of connecting to the public water line.*

*The County advertised in the local newspaper, The Warren Record, and received applications from interested citizens wanting to have their property hooked up to the County's water lines. Approximately 1/3 of the applicants that applied were disqualified due to either income or home/land ownership.*

*The County used \$39,064.73 of grant funds to connect 14 households to Warren County's water system. The average cost of the connections was \$2,790.34. A variety of work was performed for the recipients. Some of the recipient s had just a connection completed while other recipients had leaks due to increased water pressure to the home which required re-plumbing of homes following the connections. All recipients were low income recipients. This Public Hearing is being held to close out the Hook-Up Program Grant. Warren County will return \$35,935.27 to the Division of Community Assistance. 100% of funds spent (\$39,064.73) were CDBG funds.*

On motion of Commissioner Ross, which was seconded by Commissioner Fleming and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap  
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk