

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM (SIS) BOARD

EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE MEETING

December 12, 2019 / 1:30 p.m.

After verification was obtained by Division of Youth Services (DYS) Executive Assistant, Alicia Davis, that a majority of SIS Board members could participate in a teleconference meeting, a public notice was distributed referencing a meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the full appraisal for the Lewisville Juvenile Treatment Center land purchase with photos, along with copies of DYS letters to the Division of Building Authority, The Department of Transformation and Shared Services, and the Governor's Office were distributed via e-mail to all board members.

Members Present: Micheal Burden, Vice-Chair
Porter Brownlee
James Luker
Dr. Mike Russell
John Yarbrough

Staff Present: Michael Crump, Director, Division of Youth Services
Glenn Holt, Deputy Director, Division of Youth Services
Kim Davis, Quality Assurance Administrator
David Sterling, Attorney, OCC
Elaine Lee, DYS Attorney, OCC
Phyllis Bell, Senior Advisor for Child Welfare, Governor's Office
Alicia Davis, Division of Youth Services

DYS staff opened the line for the teleconference at 1:28 p.m. In order to allow all members and staff to participate in the meeting, the meeting did not begin until 1:35 p.m. In the absence of the SIS Chairman, Vice-Chairman Micheal Burden would be leading the meeting and all members were asked to state their names to insure a quorum was present.

Mr. Michael Crump, DYS Director, began the meeting by reviewing that the land purchase at the Lewisville Juvenile Treatment Center (LJTC) was approved for \$105,000 at the October meeting. After the approval, the purchase request was submitted to Arkansas Legislative Council, but had since been withdrawn by DYS staff due to misleading appraisal information. Staff had believed that the appraised value of the land was \$350,000 and the purchase price was \$105,000. Clarification confirmed the appraised value of the property was \$350,000, but that included the land plus all buildings. DHS already owns these building. However, DHS believes \$105,000 is still a fair price for the land and, as previously discussed, is in the best interest of the Department.

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Following this statement and establishing that five of seven members are participating in the teleconference, Mr. Burden asked if anyone would like to make a motion concerning the land purchase.

Dr. Mike Russell made a motion that DYS pursue the 40-acre land purchase at Lewisville for \$105,000. Mr. Porter Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Crump thanked the board members for their approval and their time in setting up this teleconference and let the board know that DYS would seek legislative approval next week. Mr. Burden stated that he believed this is a good investment.

Mr. Burden asked if there was any further discussion. **Being none, Mr. Porter Brownlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mike Russell seconded the motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Micheal Burden, Vice-Chair
State Institutional Systems Board