

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
ANNISTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
PUBLIC HEARING  
October 21, 2024**

**Members Present:** Cynthia Calix, Chairwoman  
John Wilson, Vice Chairman

**Staff Present:** Gregg Fortner, Executive Director  
Alan Brown, Finance Director  
Shazmine Gullett, Executive Assistant  
Lisa Willingham, Director of Operations  
Terri Lloyd, Planning & Development Officer  
Antionette Tatum, HCV Coordinator  
Doug Brooks, Technical Advisor  
Clarence Copeland, Resident Safety Manager

**Others Present:** Krista Jordan, AHA Resident

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Calix.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Doug Brooks, Technical Advisor.

**Public Hearing Comments**

Krista Jordan, AHA Resident, expressed concern about AHA's new flat rent. She questioned how it could be as high as private renting rates when this is supposed to be public housing. Mr. Fortner explained that we are indeed looking into the new rates, as this study is done by an outside agency. Ms. Jordan also made several suggestions such as informing potential residents of possible contamination from PCB, ultimately giving them a choice as to whether they would like to live on the property or not. Chairwoman Calix proposed putting a link to the EPA on AHA's website so that the community can do their own research. Ms. Jordan also spoke about the FSS program and how more residents should utilize it. Mr. Fortner explained the process of the FSS program and how those that are on flat rent will not qualify. Ms. Jordan also suggested ventilation and painting of tubs in the bathrooms, a community garden, and removal of clothes lines. Ventilation of the bathrooms has been added to AHA's wish list for capital funds projects, Lisa Willingham, Director of Operations, will put in a work order to get Ms. Jordan's bathtub painted, and a community garden and the removal of clothes lines will be taken into consideration.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Calix.