

## **BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMISSION**

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Ron Hook Western District Commissioner Lee Sawyer Presiding Commissioner Scott Burnham Easter District Commissioner

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 10:30 am Mission House ARPA Funds

In attendance were Commissioner Ron Hook, Commissioner Scott Burnham Presiding Commissioner Lee Sawyer, Amy Kendall, Darrin Smith, Kim Hildenbrand and Ryan Hildenbrand Billy Pratt joined the meeting at 10:40

Ryan presented plans for Mission House and showed properties he and Kim have acquired. They are an area that needs to be revitalized and able to house people. Objective is not only to house but give them a place to stay, council them and teach them. ARPA grant was to restore homes and some of the homes are now complete. Still need Community Center, storage space and restore more homes. The goal is to get rid of the trailers, add 4-1-bedroom slab houses, 2-2bedroom family houses and a Community Center. Right now, Ryan is turning away men that need a home who are coming to bible studies and group meeting; which is a requirement, as well as having a job. Finding them jobs is easy.

Commissioner Hook stated Community Missions wants to put in tiny homes and do something similar to what Mission House is doing. Ryan replied that he is not dealing with homeless people he is helping people with addictions.

Darrin and Billy gave testimonies.

Ryan stated he is building a staff of people with those who have been helped and are now helping others. Original grant request was \$300,000. Anything they get will go a long way. Kim added that \$200,000 would be ideal. They are in desperate need of storage.

They do have a board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.