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**JUNE
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TRANSCRIPT**

Everyone in this meeting is allowed to talk at will except one!

Wayne County Housing Authority

303 N 1st St., Fairfield, Illinois, 62837

Office of the Resident Commissioner

June 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Transcript of the WCHA June 18, 2025, meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Participants: Voting Members:

Dixie Locke – Chairperson

Tim McBride - Vice-Chair

Doyle Hucker

Ronald Baker

Participants: Non-Voting Members:

Jill Short – Executive Director (Retired)

Kimella Musgrave – Executive Director in Training

Residents:

Lynn Cruz

Unnamed Resident

**GREEN ARROWS:
Formal Parliamentary Procedure**

**It is an abuse of process to classify these as a disruption
Requesting decorum is a point of order**

BEGIN TRANSCRIPT:

Chairperson Dixie Locke (00:01):

Okay. Need to approve the minutes of May 28th. 2025. for the yearly meeting

(INDISTINCT CHATTER: RESIDENT IN THE FAR BACK ASKED THAT WE SPEAK UP SO SHE CAN HEAR.)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (00:14):

→ There was a line item about her back pay or reimbursement I want to object to, I believe I abstained from voting for the bills. Then it records me as saying, aye. I didn't have time to look over them last month before the meeting and I looked over them this month and apparently, she's trying to reimburse herself \$795 for a cell phone that she has admitted in this board was for personal use and not for housing authority use in January yet. She's trying to backdate payments for 53.

Executive Director Jill Short:

But you also,

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker:

I am speaking to the chairperson during my objection. Do I have the floor? 

Executive Director Jill Short:

Yes

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (00:54):

Do I have the floor? 

Chairperson Dixie Locke (00:56):

Go ahead Ron.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (00:57):

Thank you. This is a misrepresentation. That phone was not used for housing authority business. She specifically barred me from communicating on it. If it was a public phone, she could not bar me without police enforcement. She believed it was her personal phone and not for housing authority business. I believe this is fraud.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (01:22):

The um, the ah, we have already approved. We made a motion to approve the motion to pay the bills last month.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (01:37):

Well, I'm objecting because there's a line item that is fraud. 

Chairperson Dixie Locke (01:42):

They've already been approved.

Executive Director Jill Short:

Can I say something

Executive Director in Training Kimella Musgrave:

It has already been approved and the board members voted to pay for the back pay of the

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (01:50):

Do I have the floor? There is an objection before the chair. Can we maintain decorum please.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (01:58):

Do you want me to do?

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (01:59):

It's a matter. I am objecting to the minutes of last month. I did not vote for it. It says I voted for the bills. It should have three AYES and I should be listed as ABSTAIN.

Executive Director Jill Short (02:14):

I'm sure it was not that way.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (02:15):

Yes, yes. That's exactly what

Executive Director Jill Short (02:17):

Yeah.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (02:22):

I'm objecting to the minutes because I'm objecting to the bills.

Executive Director Jill Short (02:26):

I'd like to say something just to make it clear. You told me that if I ever used my phone once for business, that it was a business phone and that you could see anything on it. I gave what I had on my phone. Do not speak. I'm not done.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (02:45):

I'm not, no, we're having no interruptions. Just one person at a time is going to talk.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (02:50):

I'm just acknowledging.

(ENTIRE BOARD EXPLODES INTO CONVERSATION INTERRUPTING)

Vice-Chair Tim McBride:

You'll have to leave.

Chairperson Dixie Locke:

Jill is talking, you'll have to leave

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker:

Yes mam go ahead

Chairperson Dixie Locke:

Ok, Jill

Executive Director Jill Short (02:57):

Okay Ron, and the only thing that we did, we gave all of the office people, because they used their phones, the same pay that the maintenance men got and it was all approved by resolution and it was a back pay because we had all used our phones from that day and were never reimbursed for it like the maintenance were and it was approved in resolution. If you weren't here or you said no or didn't vote, that can't be helped.

Executive Director in Training Kimella Musgrave:

He wasn't

Executive Director Jill Short (02:57):

Yeah,

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (03:33):

I'm going to acknowledge that point, but she's conflating two different rules. FOIA rules do not care about the nature of the device, whether they're public or they are personal. All that matters is the document that was on that device. Just because she had public records on her phone does not make her personal phone a public phone. (JILL INTERRUPTING) She has explicitly stated to this board that it is her personal phone for her personal use. I will not be seeing anything on there. Get a warrant. This board can sit and do what it does, but it's going to go to HUD for review, (JILL INTERRUPTING) or we can handle it here, but I'm not going to push the issue so you can move along however you choose madame chairperson.

↗ managing flow

Executive Director Jill Short:

Yeah, Let's do the HUD review.

Vice-Chair Tim McBride:

Yeah definitely.

There is a FORMAL MATTER before the board and she opens public comment. Public comment is before "Approval of the Minutes / Matter Arrising". NOT WHEN THE BOARD IS DELIBERATING

Chairperson Dixie Locke (04:24):

Okay. Do we have any other say? Does anyone else want to talk about this Phone?

Resident Lynn Cruz (04:33):

About the phone?

Executive Director Jill Short:

"mmm hmmm".

not Germane to the matter before the board

Resident Lynn Cruz (04:33):

No, but I do have a comment Since a new person here, people here tend to divide and conquer instead of come together or dispatch. We're always in an argument or always fighting over stupid bull bs. The guy over there, over there has given us a hard time. He's not helping us.

(THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAN BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THIS RESIDENT'S ATTACKS ON MY CHARACTER AND OFFICE OFFERING ENCOURAGING AND AFFIRMING STATEMENTS TO THESE ATTACK IN THE FORM OF, MHM HMM, YES, RIGHT AND ETC)

Chairperson Dixie Locke (04:59):

Right?

Resident Lynn Cruz (05:00):

He says he is, but not one thing he's done. And believe me, I've talked to people, and I don't get involved in people's business, but he may talk a good game, but he's given no results. Right? He says he knows the law, but he doesn't do anything to help. When we're here, we need to solve the problem we're dealing with and move on. We can't be re-talking about something happened in January or February or that you got your feelings hurt that they didn't vote for you. This guy here has been all over this building since I've been here. I don't care for his attitude and the way he does things.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (05:31):

What's my name? **Clarifying for the record**

Chairperson Dixie Locke (05:33):

Hey, she's talking right now.

Executive Director Jill Short (05:34):

She's talking.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (05:35):

→ What's my name? ← Clarifying for the record who she is talking about

(BOARD ROOM EXPLODES INTO CHATTER)

Vice-Chair Tim McBride:

Excuse you.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (05:37):

Hey, one more thing and you can leave. Okay.

Executive Director Jill Short:

Or we'll have you removed.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (05:44):

Oh, you will.

Executive Director Jill Short:

"mmm hmmm".

Resident Lynn Cruz (05:45):

This is what I'm talking about, sir.

Executive Director Jill Short:

Yeah.

Resident Lynn Cruz

You cannot get stuff done that you want to get done. If you are the only person in the out and you're not a lawyer.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (05:55):

→ What's my name? What's my name? ← Still trying to clarify

Resident Lynn Cruz (05:57):

I don't know any of the board's names.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (06:00): (REQUESTING DECORUM)

There's an objection before the chair; can we have decorum or not? Ms. Chairperson

Resident Lynn Cruz (06:06):

Talking. You get to talk all you want to around this building.

Executive Director Jill Short:

Exactly

Resident Lynn Cruz

You're cornering people are,

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (06:11) (REASERTING DECORUM)

It is not public discussion right now.

Resident Lynn Cruz (06:15):

I just seen you the other day surrounded by four people and you were telling them that you hadn't done anything wrong to anybody. Before you jump on the mountain and start saying something like, let me see something you've actually done to improve it.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (06:30):

What is my...

Resident Lynn Cruz (06:30):

You bitch a lot, but I see I don't need to know your name. You're not my care worker.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (06:35):

Are we going to maintain decorum or not? It's not open for public debate yet. We're not even there yet.

Executive Director Jill Short:

We allowed her to comment.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker:

Well, you can't because there's decorum that has to be maintained. There's an objection before the board.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (06:46):

I didn't recognize you to talk.

→ **Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker** (06:48):

I can make objections

Chairperson Dixie Locke (06:49):

Okay. You made an object. Objection

→ **Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker** (06:53):

And rule on it.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (06:53):

We've already approved those payments of the bill and that's it.

→ **Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker** (06:57):

Then what's the ruling

Executive Director Jill Short:

You're disrupting

Chairperson Dixie Locke (07:00):

Paying the bill? We've already paid the bill.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (07:02):

Excellent, excellent.

Executive Director in Training Kimella Musgrave:

(Statement about the board approving the back pay for the use of the phone)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker:

She didn't use her personal phone. She didn't.

Executive Director Jill Short (07:09): (MANAGING THE FLOW OF THE MEETING)

That's over and done with.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (07:11):

Reasserting my objection



She. She's not. She injected. I have a right to respond. She's claiming she used her personal phone. She didn't. It's not on the magnets. It wasn't listed on the after-hours board. No one could call her or text her. She didn't want it that way. You either carry a housing authority phone or you make your personal phone available for housing authority to use. She can't selectively decide who in what can reach her on a,

Executive Director in Training Kimella Musgrave (07:37):

You think the police would want to come and kick him out?

Vice-Chair Tim McBride:

Please! (Encouraging Musgrave to call the police.)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (07:40):

Is that more threats please? Is that more threats?

Chairperson Dixie Locke (07:43):

Are you representing the residents or representing the agenda for yourself?

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (07:52):

This is my duty. Can we have decorum or not?



Unnamed Resident (07:57):

Do the bed bug people get a chance to speak?

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (07:59):

Right

Executive Director Jill Short (08:00):

In a little bit. (spoken to the unnamed resident)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (08:01):



Do we have decorum here or not? Just make a ruling.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (08:04):

I made a ruling. We're paying the bills. We don't pay the bills.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (08:11):



Make a ruling on my objection.

(RANDOM CONVERSATIONS TAKING PLACE AMONGST THE PUBLIC)

Chairperson Dixie Locke (08:15): (IMPROPER PROCEDURE)

Make a motion.

Executive Director Jill Short:

Yeah!

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (08:17):



I did. You don't have to say a motion. I've made an objection. An objection is a move. A move is a formal action. The same as it. I don't have to make a motion. I've already made my motion.

(CONVERSATIONS IN THE BACKGROUND, KIMELLA MUSGRAVE HAS HER PHONE OUT CALLING THE POLICE TO REMOVE ME)

Vice-Chair Tim McBride:

You did (confirming the police were called)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker:

So make it clear we're calling the police.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (08:39):

The police.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (08:40):

Yeah. All you got to do is reject me from the meeting if you don't want to.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (08:43):

I have

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (08:44):

Make a motion to remove me then



Chairperson Dixie Locke (08:46):

Make a motion remove Ron Baker from this meeting.

(CONTEXT: THE CHAIR HAD A DEER IN THE HEADLIGHT LOOK SO I HELPED HER WITH THE PROCEDURE, SHE IS UNFAMILAR WITH WHAT TO DO IF IT DOESN'T DIE ON A SECOND)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (08:49):

Do we have a second? We have a second by Doyle Hucker, a vote. We need to vote. Got to count to vote

Chairperson Dixie Locke (09:00):

We need to vote to remove Ron Baker from this meeting.

(you can hear the ayes and the residents who are furious about the bed bugs still having conversations)

Chairperson Dixie Locke (09:04):

Ok, you're out of here.

(CONTEXT: TSHE FROZE AGAIN BECAUSE SHE DOESNT KNOW WHAT TO DO)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (09:09):

Okay, Finish. Was it carried? The motion carried.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (09:12):

The motion carried.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (09:13):

Mr. Baker was ejected from the meeting by binding resolution.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (09:17):

Yes.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (09:17):

Thank you.

Chairperson Dixie Locke (09:21):

(Begins denigrating me to the public stating the cops are on the way)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (09:33):

My name is Ron Baker by the way

Resident Lynn Cruz (09:35):

Want, do you want to know what I do?

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (09:37):

You wanted to know what I do, My name is Ron Baker. By the way,

Resident Lynn Cruz (09:39):

What you do? Shit. I'm getting upset with you and I've been upset with you since I've been giving you the time of day. Nothing to come up. You know what this means. You know what this means right here? Absolutely, Jack. Shit. Nothing. If it ain't in the government manual, you are giving people hope they ain't there.

Chairperson Dixie Locke:

Hey, Hey, You're dismissed.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (10:00):

I'm being rejected from the board. It's a public meeting. Okay. You want to reject me entirely?

Resident Lynn Cruz (10:05):

Yes. Bye

Chairperson Dixie Locke:

Yes.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (10:06):

Okay, bye. Just from this meeting or all meetings?

Resident Lynn Cruz (10:10):

All meetings.

Chairperson Dixie Locke:

All meetings.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (10:10):

Yeah. Oh, forever.

Resident Lynn Cruz (10:12):

Eternity. We hope.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (10:13):

All right, there you go. What's your name?

Resident Lynn Cruz (10:15):

My name is Lynn Cruz.

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (10:16):

Thank you. Lynn Cruz.

Resident Lynn Cruz (10:18):

Come for me dude. (HOSTILE AGGRESSION, DISRESPECT, AND A BREAKDOWN IN DECORUM)

Resident Commissioner Ronald Baker (10:30):

(Conversation with resident in lobby)

END TRANSCRIPT

Attestation of Transcript Accuracy

I, Ronald Baker, Resident Commissioner of the Wayne County Housing Authority, hereby attest that the attached transcript of the June 18, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting is a true and accurate representation of the events to the best of my knowledge, based on a direct audio recording captured by me during the meeting.

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I affirm under penalty of perjury that this transcript is not knowingly falsified or misleading, and that it reflects the public business conducted during that meeting.

Ronald Baker
Resident Commissioner
Wayne County Housing Authority

