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MINUTES OF THE 225TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing and Acting Chief Minister

The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance

Ms Melissa Meade, Director, Disaster Management Mr Rawle Hazell, Director, Housing & Construction Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, DICUH

ABSENT: The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,

Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister of Labour and Immigration and Minister of Social Development and Health

EX MIN 15/48 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 224th Meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/49 **EX MIN 15/24 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL**

<u>UNIT</u>

Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance, Ms Melissa Meade,

Director, Disaster Management, Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, DICUH and Mr Rawle Hazell, Director, Housing & Construction joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 15/24 of 15th January 2015, Council noted the proposed layout for the Disaster Management Office at the NEOC building. Following discussion, Council acknowledged that this matter needed further consideration.

Council agreed that HE the Governor, given her experience in emergency operations should meet with the relevant public officers on Monday 26th January 2015 to work out the best solution to address the needs of the Disaster Management Office and the Emergency Operation Centre. HE requested the Director, Disaster Management to provide her with the necessary specifications for the Disaster Management Office and any other related details.

Action: HE; PS, MICUH; DIR, DM; PS, MHA/LANDS

EX MIN 15/52 EX MIN 15/33 EX MEM 15/18 APPOINTMENTS TO THE MEDICAL BOARD

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

With reference to EX MIN 15/33 of 15th January 2015, Council agreed that the matter be further deferred until the Hon CM was present.

Action: PS, HSD; EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/53 EX MIN 15/42 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – JORDESHA HODGE

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Further to EX MIN 15/42 of 15th January 2015, Council noted that Ms Jordesha Hodge had decided to pay back the sum of EC\$15,000.00 (financial assistance awarded to her by the GoA) to the GoA and to cancel the bond contract between her and the GoA. Council agreed that the option remained open for Ms Hodge to seek a new agreement with the GoA, to facilitate the issuing of the funds approved for her, if she wished to do so.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PS, PA; TRNG OFF; PS, FIN; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/54 EX MIN 15/45 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Further to EX MIN 15/45 of 15th January 2015, Council agreed that the Domestic Violence Bill should not be considered in the House of Assembly at this time.

Action: AG; CL, HOA

EX MIN 15/55 EX MEM 15/26 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council agreed that Mr Reynold A. Bailey, a national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines who would be representing the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) in Anguilla as a Financial Consultant at the National Bank of Anguilla (NBA) should be exempted from the work permit requirement for the period 9th January 2015 to 8th July 2015 under Section 3 (f) of the Control of Employment Act.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT

EX MIN 15/56 EX MEM 15/27 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council agreed that the following persons should be exempted from the work permit requirement under Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act:-

1) Ms Simonia Susan M. William

National of St. Lucia who has resided in Anguilla since 2007. Ms William attended the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School and is currently a student at the Anguilla Community College pursuing an Associated Degree in Business Studies. She has been offered employment at National Commercial Data Services (NCDS) as a Help Desk Operator.

2) Ms Josephine Joseph

National of Dominica who has resided in Anguilla since June 2004. Ms Joseph has been the recipient of several work permits during her period of residence on the island. She has been offered a job by Ms

Curtlyanna Samuel of South as a Cleaner.

3) Ms Glenisha Amrisha Neverson

National of St. Vincent and the Grenadines who has been a resident of Anguilla since 2005. Ms Neverson attended the Valley Primary School and subsequently the Albena-Lake Hodge Comprehensive School. She has been offered employment by Mrs Margaret Smith of Chalvilles as a Baby Sitter.

4) Ms Jordiana C. Dwarpaul

National of Guyana who has been residing in Anguilla since 1997. Ms Dwarpaul attended the Valley Primary School and subsequently the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School. She is employed at Caribbean Construction Ltd as a Secretary.

5) Ms Jennifer Marie Liebsack

National of the USA who has been residing in Anguilla since 2011. Ms Liebsack is the mother of two girls who are belongers and naturalised citizens of Anguilla due to their father, Glenford Romney being a belonger of Anguilla. She has been offered employment by Mr Chris Cutler of West End as a Caretaker for his children.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 15/57 <u>EX MEM 15/28 FILLING VACANT PRISON OFFICER POSTS DUE TO</u> CONTRACT EXPIRATION IN JUNE 2015

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council:-

(i) noted that the contracts of eight Basic Grade Officers and one Principal Officer at HM Prison would expire on 30th June 2015;

- (ii) noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the posts and that a favourable response had been given; and
- (iii) further noted that provision had been made in the 2015 Budget for the positions; and
- (iv) agreed that the posts of eight Basic Grade Officers and one Principal Officer at HM Prison should be filled.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; SOP; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 15/58

EX MEM 15/29 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – BEVERLY COLWELL ADAMS (SECTION EAST END; BLOCK 99519 B; PARCEL 113, CONTAINING 0.50 ACRE)

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council agreed that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be issued to Beverly Colwell Adams to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.50 acre of vacant land described as Registration Section East End, Block 99519 B, Parcel 113 located at Junks Hole to construct a dwelling house thereon, subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$134,410.00 EC\$ 6,720.50

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulations Act – 12.5%

of EC\$134,410.00 EC\$16,801.25

(iii) refundable deposit of 10% of EC\$134,410.00

EC\$13,441.00

TOTAL EC\$36,962.75

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Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DLS

EX MIN 15/59

EX MEM 15/30 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE HEALTH AUTHORITY OF ANGUILLA (HAA)

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council noted that the Hon Minister for Health in accordance with Section 7 (2) of the Health Authority of Anguilla Act had appointed the following persons to serve on the HAA Board until the 31st December 2015:-

1) Mr Kevin Carty (Re-appointment)

2)	Mrs Marvella Richardson	(New Appointment)
3)	Mrs Serene Carter-Davis	(New Appointment)
4)	Dr Nicholas Carbon	(New Appointment)
5)	Mr Ricardo Jeremiah	(New Appointment)

Council additionally noted that the above names would be published in the official Gazette following appointment. These persons would serve with the current Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson who had a further year to serve.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HSD; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 15/61 EX MEM 15/32 AMENDMENTS TO THE PROBATION ACT 2011 AND THE JUVENILE ACT

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the Probation Act and Juvenile Act should be amended so that a juvenile is defined as "a person under the age of 18"; and
- (ii) agreed that any required amendments be made to other pieces of legislation as a consequence.

Action: HON AG; PS, HSD

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/62 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

PA to the Hon CM/Finance remained in attendance.

The Hon Minister, MICUH informed Council that he would be off island from Saturday 24 January to Tuesday 27 January 2015 to attend a Renewable Energy Conference in the United States.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
