



**Columbia County
2011 Community Development Block Grant Housing Program
Public Hearing Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 11:30 a.m.**

The public hearing was opened to the public at 11:30 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Lois Schepp	Mark Braska	Mark A. Witt
Cindy Devine	Laurie Lindell	Vern E. Gove
Pat Beghin	Kent Fish	Debra L. Healy Wopat
Mark Zimmerman	John H. Tramburg	
Kari Justmann	Andy Ross	
Dave Hafner	Robert L. Hamele	

The public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Program met in the Columbia County Accounting Office to discuss the following information:

- Basic overview of the program
- To identify total potential funding – Columbia County has been allocated \$550,000
- Types of activities eligible using CDBG funds:
 - Economic Development
 - Public Facilities
 - Housing
- Housing and community development needs
- Activities proposed for the CDBG application (including rehabilitation projects such as siding, windows, foundation work, etc.; homebuyer assistance; and special housing projects)
- Potential for residential displacement

The public was offered an opportunity to discuss any additional needs of the community not previously discussed. Lois Schepp reported that the City of Portage was also invited to apply for this funding, and as such is excluded from the County's application. Funds from the County's current housing program are mostly depleted. Kari Justmann of MSA Professional Services noted that many county residents could benefit from this program, and that funds like these may not be available again in the future.

Public hearing was closed to the public at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary