# Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County ~ eitas Finance Committee Meeting

December 6, 2016

Topic/Issue	Minutes	Summary of Action Taken or Pending
Attendance	Russ Jones, Anita K. Parran, Lisa Honn, and Paula Smith, Board members. Earlene Clayton, Nancy Nicolaus, Anne Whalen, Jake Jacobs and Kathleen Ganaden, Staff. No guests.	I
Call to Order	Russ Jones, Finance Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00PM at the Administrative Offices of Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas located at 8511 Hillcrest, Kansas City, Missouri. The committee came together 30 minutes earlier as there was so much material to cover.	
September 2016 Unaudited Financial Highlights	Mr. Jones shared that the finance committee had four topics they wanted to cover in the meeting. The first topic was to review the 2016 Unaudited September 2016 financial statements presented by Earlene Clayton, Fiscal Manager.  September 2016 Unaudited Financial Highlights:  • Operating Cash balance at the end of September was \$5.5M  • Total investments at the end of September were \$2.0M  • Total liabilities at the end of September were \$1.3M  • Operating expenses for September were about \$1.1M  • Net Operating Income for September was \$260,153  • After depreciation, net income for September was \$152,959  Mr. Jones shared that eitas suffered a loss of about \$45,000 on disposal of the property at 607 W. Lexington. The property was recorded on eitas books for \$320,000 and disposed of for \$275,000. Ms. Clayton noted the new Note Receivable for \$200,000 from the sale of 607 W. Lexington. Eitas will receive monthly payments on the note for five years @ 5% interest, with a balloon payment due on October 1, 2021.	

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#### Reserves

In closing the Finance Committee continued for the fourth month their on-going discussion of the reserve policy. Due to time constraints members just started the discussion on the Triple-A approach to risk assessment.

### New Business

Jake Jacobs, Executive Director brought to the committees attention an article from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch titled "Once swimming in surpluses, disabilities group now making steep cuts". The article described how the tax-funded agency burned

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Old Business	None.	
Public Comment	None.	
Adjournment	There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:59PM.	
	Respectfully submitted,	
	Staff	