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## County agency agrees to manage the Brooksville Housing Authority

*The executive director of the Hernando County Housing Authority would run the Brooksville agency.*  
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Summit Villas, a property of the Brooksville Housing Authority. Times

**BROOKSVILLE** — The Hernando County Housing Authority on Monday agreed to take over management of the Brooksville Housing Authority by approving a tentative inter-local agreement. The agencies are still finalizing some details.

The Brooksville Housing Authority agreed to pay \$1,500 a month for Hernando County Housing Authority executive director Donald Singer to take over management duties as the Brooksville agency goes through transitions required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The federal agency stopped funding Brooksville's executive director position earlier this year at about the same time the Brooksville Authority found a buyer for its abandoned Hillside Estates community.

The Brooksville agency hopes to use proceeds from that sale to redevelop its other abandoned property in Brooksville, Summit Villas. The plan is to raze the existing structure and build new structures on that site and an adjacent parcel the agency owns.

The boards of the two agencies hope to finalize the inter-local agreement in the coming weeks, Brooksville Housing Authority chairman Randy Woodruff said Monday.

Outstanding issues include insurance and where to house the Brooksville agency's 11 filing cabinets of historical documents. The Hernando County Housing Authority also is seeking legal assurances that it would not be held accountable for past actions of the Brooksville Housing Authority. Hernando County Authority chairman Paul Sullivan had questions about past financial issues with the Brooksville agency, including past-due water bills and the recent severance agreement with its director, Tommy Brooks.

Ricardo Gilmore, attorney for the Brooksville Housing Authority, said those concerns were settled. The Brooksville agency meets next week to discuss and possibly approve the agreement.