



**CADENCE BANK**  
Arena & Conference Center

**Tupelo Coliseum Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2026**

Let it be known, the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commerce room with the following present:

Chairman- Darrell Marecle  
Vice Chair- Stephanie Coomer  
Commissioner- Keith Henley  
Commissioner- Jessica Hollinger  
Commission Secretary- Cooper Miller  
Commissioner- Nat Grubbs

**Representatives of the City of Tupelo Present:**

Kevan Kirkpatrick –Executive Director -Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center  
Leslie Bailey- Office Manager- Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center  
Kim Hanna – CFO

Chairman Darrell Marecle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes from February 2026 was discussed. Vice Chair Stephanie Coomer made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commission Secretary Cooper Miller. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Kim Hanna discussed the financial report.

**Director's Report**

Kevan gave us an update on our past events. We had Winter Jam 03/06 with approximately 5,000 attending; Blues is Alright 03/13 with 1,500 attending and 16 meeting events. Kevan also updated us on our upcoming events. Taste of Tupelo will be 03/19, Golden Triangle Rodeo 03/21 and we are certain it will be cancelled since we haven't sold 500 tickets, Monster Jam is 04/03-04, Hardy 04/10, Brandon Lake 04/17 and that is sold out already, Spirit Brands Cheerleading 04/18-19 and we have 37 meeting events.

**Old Business:**

None



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**New Business**

Kevan discussed the RFP Bid rejection for Bid#2026-011CO Audio Visual service provider for our conference center and arena potential needs.

The reasons for each rejection

- **Proposal 1: See No Hear No.**
  - Proposal is rejected based on proposed allocation of capital injection funds for AV equipment.
- **Proposal 2: Stagelite Sound, LLC**
  - Proposal is rejected based on (1) Proposer did not attend pre bid site visit (2) Proposed commission rate of 20% is unviable and unsustainable.
- **RFP BID Rejection: 2026-011CO Cadence Bank Arena & Conference Center RFP. Audio Visual Service Provider.**
  - RFP is rejected currently due to failure to attract a viable proposal.
- **Approval to readvertise: RFP-2026-011CO Cadence Bank Arena & Conference Center RFP. Audio Visual Service Provider.**
  - The RFP will be sent back to bid, and both proposers will be advised they may submit amended proposals.

Commissioner Keith Henley made a motion to reject the bid as discussed, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hollinger. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Approval to readvertise RFP Bid# 2026-011CO Audio Visual Services Provider was discussed. Commissioner Keith Henley made a motion to readvertise as discussed, seconded by Vice Chair Stephanie Coomer. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

**Check Approval:**

Approval of checks from March 2026 was discussed. Commissioner Keith Henley made a motion to approve the checks, seconded by Commissioner Cooper Miller. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Darrell Marecle adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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**Cooper Miller**  
Secretary

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**Darrell Marecle**  
Chairman