

Tupelo Coliseum Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2022

Be it known the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session Monday, September 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commerce Room with the following present:

Chair- Nat Grubbs  
Vice-Chair Neal McCoy  
Commissioner- Mike Armour  
Commissioner- Jason Hayden  
Commissioner- Darrell Marecle  
Commissioner- Yvette Crump  
Commission Secretary-Cindy Murphy

Representatives of the City of Tupelo Present:

Kevan Kirkpatrick –Executive Director -BancorpSouth Arena and Conference Center

Chair- Nat Grubbs called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Jason Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2022, as written seconded by Commissioner Mike Armour. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Kevan Kirkpatrick discussed the financial report.

**New Business**

Nat thanked everyone for his time served as Chairman and asked for nominations for a new Chairman. Vice-Chair Neal McCoy made a motion to nominate Commissioner Jason Hayden, seconded by Commission Secretary Cindy Murphy. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

Surplus Old Phone Systems-The City converted phones systems from AT&T to C-Spire. Commissioner Yvette Crump made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Neal McCoy. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

Surplus Old POS Systems-We purchased a new POS System and our old equipment was obsolete. Commissioner Jason Hayden made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mike Armour. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

Trade Agreement Approval with Mississippi State University- Contract is still being reviewed by City's legal Department and once this is complete we will have a special called meeting by email.

**Director's Report**

Kevan began with giving us an update on the Assistant Director search. We received 35 applications, none with the experience we are looking for. We will start the search process over within the next few weeks.

Concourse Floor update, everything is on schedule and we should be complete next week.

Chiller and Ice Plant update- we will start making ice next week.

Cadence Bank Arena Name change will be official on October 11<sup>th</sup>, and a press release will go out then.

Kevan gave us an update of past events. We had Brantley Gilbert and Jelly Roll on August 26<sup>th</sup>, with over 7,800 people attending. Dru Hill, Tamar Braxton, and Silk on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 911 Stair Climb on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 41 meeting room events.

Kevan also updated us on upcoming events. Tupelo Fair will be here September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Disney on Ice will be October 14<sup>th</sup>- October 16<sup>th</sup> and we have 24 meeting events.

Kevan will be traveling to IEBA Conference in Nashville from October 9<sup>th</sup>- October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:**

None was discussed

**Beverage Approval:**

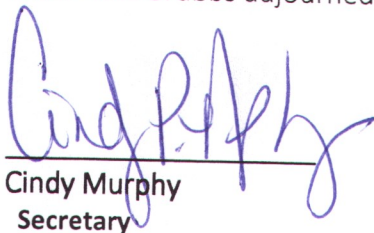
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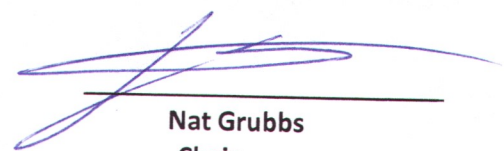
**Check Approval:**

Chair- Nat Grubbs asked for a motion to approve the checks from August. Commission Secretary Cindy Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jason Hayden. All commissioners voted aye; the motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

Chair- Nat Grubbs adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

  
Cindy Murphy  
Secretary

  
Nat Grubbs  
Chair