

Tupelo Coliseum Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

Be it known the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session Thursday, November 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the North hall meeting rooms 1 and 2 with the following present:

Vice-Chairman Neal McCoy via conference call
Commissioner Jason Hayden
Commissioner Cindy Murphy
Commissioner Tom Brown
Commissioner Jonathan Waller
Commissioner Marcus McCoy
Chairman Nat Grubbs

Representatives of the City of Tupelo Present:

Kim Hanna, Chief Financial Officer
Kevan Kirkpatrick, Interim Executive Director – BancorpSouth Arena
Markel Whittington – City Councilman
Robert Kiste – Network Administrator

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

Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes from October 26, 2020, as presented seconded by Commissioner Murphy. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

Financial Report

Kim Hanna reported on finances stating there is “almost \$700k in the operating money, stated Hanna. “We’re only a month into the fiscal year but we’re in a really good place.”

Director’s Report

Kevan Kirkpatrick, Coliseum interim director reported that “Tupelo Fair was here in our parking lot for 10 days. It was good for the arena but the weather wasn’t great and the crowd was minimal. Tupelo Police Academy graduation was at the conference center and we had 18 meeting days in October”, stated Kirkpatrick.

Executive Director Search:

Commissioner Hayden reported that the ad-hoc committee and the search firm brought in Doug Johnson and Lynn Cannon to Tupelo for in-person interviews, November 12, 2020. Based on the scores from each interview the committee would like to move into negotiations with Doug Johnson. Vice-chairman McCoy made a motion to move into negotiations with Doug Johnson to offer him the job as the Executive Director. Commissioner Waller seconded the motion. All commissioners voting aye, the motion passed.

New Business:

WI-FI RFP/Proposals

Robert Kiste, Network Administrator came to talk about the proposals for the new WIFI system. "We received four responses to the RFP/ These options will have 5-8 years of lift and the bids came in anywhere from \$291k-\$800k. The goal for this project is to be able to meet the capacity of the arena, meeting rooms, and all of the conference center. Right now, we can check the box that we have Wi-Fi but not really anything after that."

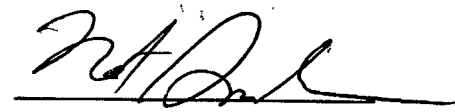
Check Approval:

Chairman Grubbs asked for a motion to approve the checks. Commissioner Brown motioned to approve the checks. Commission Hayden seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye; the motion passed.

Adjournment:

After no other business, Chairman Grubbs adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.


Yvette Crump
Secretary


Nat Grubbs
Chairman