



Tupelo Coliseum Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2020

Be it known the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session Monday, December, 21, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the North hall meeting rooms 1 and 2 with the following present:

Vice-Chairman Neal McCoy
Commissioner Yvette Crump
Commissioner Cindy Murphy
Commissioner Tom Brown
Commissioner Jonathan Waller
Chairman Nat Grubbs

Representatives of the City of Tupelo Present:

Kevan Kirkpatrick, Interim Executive Director – BancorpSouth Arena
Markel Whittington – City Councilman

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

Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2020, as presented seconded by Commissioner Waller. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

Director's Report

Kevan Kirkpatrick, Coliseum interim director reported that "Governor Reeve's new restrictions has the capacity down to 1,000 people. It has caused two events that were coming in early 2021 to either cancel or move their dates later. Numerous people are calling daily to hold their events but we just can't accommodate them right now due to the governor's new executive order. That order is set to expire January 15th. Good news right now holds have started coming back for later in the year. People are starting to make plans to come back. We currently have 3-4 acts looking at dates for parking lot shows. We've put in several offers for fall shows. Once it comes back it's going to come back with a bang," reported Kirkpatrick. "Right now, we're preparing for Doug's arrival on January 4, 2021. Construction is almost finished. We will do the final punch on 1/4/21. By the next commission meeting it will be ours and we'll have hosted our first couple of events," reported Kirkpatrick.

Old Business:

WI-FI RFP

Synergetics is the company that the City is currently in negotiations with, trying to fit our scope of need into a price that works for our budget, reported Kirkpatrick. Installation should start in March 2021 and take about a month to complete.

New Business:

Moving January 2021 Meeting Date

Chairman Grubbs asked for a motion to move to January meeting date from January, 18, 2021 to January 25, 2021 because of the Martin Luther King Jr holiday and City offices being closed. Commissioner Brown motioned to move the January meeting date to January 25, 2021. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye; the motioned passed.

HVAC Survey Proposal

Vice Chair Neal McCoy stated, "Venue Solutions Group is the same group who did the executive director search and they are looking for ways to help arena keep our patrons safe, and be able to open sooner with the right technology. VSG is wanted to provide a review of our HVAC filtration and circulation systems that serve the seating bowl and related public spaces, concourses and public restrooms to see if the systems currently meets or exceeds the standards set up the Centers for Disease Control." Chairman Grubbs asked for a motion to proceed with the HVAC survey from Venue Solutions Group. Commissioner Waller made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye; the motion passed.

Check Approval:


Docket unavailable. Chairman Grubbs asked if the checks would be sent out and then the voting would take place through email.

Adjournment:

After no other business, Chairman Grubbs adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Absent at meeting

Yvette Crump
Secretary



Nat Grubbs
Chairman