



**City of Abilene
Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District
Board of Directors**

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District Board of Directors to be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 3:30 PM at Basement Conference Room, Abilene City Hall, 555 Walnut St., Abilene TX, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

1. Call to Order

- a. Administer Oath of Office to Glenn Dromgoole and Chuck Statler

2. Minutes

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting

3. Agenda Items:

- a. Presentations regarding programs and venue tax use by:
 - 1) *Frontier Texas!*
 - 2) Taylor County Expo Center
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the allocation of the 2% venue tax.
- c. Set meeting date to adopt the FY 2018 Budget

4. Adjournment

NOTICE

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the _____ day of June, 2017 at _____, within such time as required by law.

Minutes Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District

Public notice having been posted, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District was held on Monday, July 18, 2016, in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas, at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Norm Archibald, Mayor, City of Abilene
Downing Bolls, Jr., Judge, Taylor County
Kyle McAlister, Councilmember, City of Abilene
Glenn Dromgoole

Board Member Absent: Stan Egger, Commissioner, Taylor County

Others Present: Representing City of Abilene:
Stanley Smith, City Attorney; Mindy Patterson, Assistant City Manager; Mike Rains, Director of Finance; Marjorie Knight, Assistant Director of Finance; Danette Dunlap, City Secretary; Linda Smith, Customer Relations Specialist; Karen Holland, Internal Audit/Finance Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Norm Archibald, President.
2. The Board meeting minutes for June 15, 2016 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman McAlister to approve the minutes as presented. Judge Bolls seconded the motion; the motion carried.
3. Mike Rains presented the FY2015 Audit Report. Mayor Archibald noted that the audit was for the entire City of Abilene, with the Venue District financial statements shown separately. Mayor Archibald referred to the debt payments that are made from the venue tax receipts. Mr. Dromgoole made a motion to accept the audit report, seconded by Judge Bolls. The motion carried.
4. Mike Rains presented the revised 2015-2016 and proposed 2016-2017 budgets. Regarding the Project Fund, he noted that the 7% increase in FY 2014-2015 was offset by a 7% decrease in FY 2016 year to date. He stated he was hoping for no further declines in venue tax revenue. He also reminded the Board that the Interest and Sinking Fund requires the debt payments to be funded prior to distributing the revenues to Frontier *Texas!* and the Expo Center each month.

Mayor Archibald asked how June 2016 venue tax receipts compared to June 2015 (May receipts); they are basically the same as last year. The Board discussed upcoming conventions and tournaments, and how events will add to the City's profile and local business revenues.

Councilman McAlister made a motion to accept the revised and proposed budgets; Mr. Dromgoole seconded. Motion carried.

5. The next Venue District Board meeting will be held in May of 2017, unless a meeting is required before that time. Mayor Archibald reminded members that a county commissioner will need to be named to the board later this year as a replacement for Commissioner Egger. He also reiterated that the Venue District expires in 7 years, and entities will need to begin planning how to replace the revenue they are currently receiving.

Mayor Archibald asked how many total dollars have been received from the Venue tax since its inception. Mr. Rains will provide this information to the Board. The Board also discussed the use of the Public Education in Government (PEG) funds received from Suddenlink. This year, the funds have been used to replace the sound system at Shotwell Stadium (an Abilene Independent School District facility). They will also be used to add a meeting room at the new Abilene Public Library location at the Mall of Abilene that will allow public meetings to be broadcast live.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Karen Holland, Recording Secretary
for Glenn Dromgoole, Secretary

Norm Archibald, President