Minutes

Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District Board Meeting July 20, 2022

Public notice having been posted, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 1:30 pm at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas.

Board Members Present:	Downing Bolls, Jr., Judge, Taylor County
	Anthony Williams, Mayor, City of Abilene
	Kyle McAlister, Councilmember, City of Abilene
	Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Taylor County
	Glenn Dromgoole, Director

Others Present: <u>Representing City of Abilene:</u> Stanley Smith, City Attorney Mike Rains, Director of Finance Kristina Session, Accountant Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

> <u>Additional Attendees:</u> Jeff Salmon, Frontier *Texas!* Rochelle Johnson, Taylor County Expo Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:41 pm by Judge Bolls.

Anthony Williams, Downing Bolls, and Kyle McAlister were sworn in as board members by Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary.

2. A motion for Officer nomination was made by Glenn Dromgoole and seconded by Commissioner Statler:

President:	Chuck Statler
Vice President:	Kyle McAlister
Secretary:	Glenn Dromgoole
Treasurer:	Vacant

All Board members voted to approve; motion carried.

3. No public comments were made on any agenda item.

- 4. A motion to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2021 meeting was made by Glenn Dromgoole and seconded by Mayor Williams. All Board members voted in favor; the motion carried.
- 5. 1) Jeff Salmon, Executive Director of Frontier *Texas!* thanked the board members for serving. Mr. Salmon asked that the board consider a 1.5% shift from Frontier *Texas!* to the Expo Center for FY 23 and a 0.5% shift in FY 24. Frontier *Texas!* and the Taylor County Expo Center jointly agreed to reach a 50%-50% split in revenue collections by the sunset of the Abilene-Taylor County Venue Tax District in 2024. Mr. Salmon asked the board to move in favor of the agreement.

2) Rochelle Johnson, Executive Director of the Taylor County Expo Center also thanked the board. She asked the board to support the collaboration and move forward with reaching a 50-50 split by FY 24. She too asked for a 1.5% shift towards the Taylor County Expo Center beginning in FY 23.

Jeff Salmon outlined Frontier *Texas!*' future plans and desire for a new Venue tax when the current Venue tax is concluded. Rochelle Johnson provided information related to Expo Center operations for the past year.

6. The Board applauded the leadership and teamwork of both parties for coming to an agreement. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to shift 1.5% of venue allocations from Frontier *Texas!* to the Taylor County Expo Center for FY 23 making the split:

Frontier *Texas!* – 50.5% Taylor County Expo Center – 49.5%

Mayor Williams seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor; motion carried.

- 7. Mike Rains presented the 2021 annual audit report prepared by BKD CPAs & Advisors. Glenn Dromgoole made a motion to accept the report; Commissioner Statler seconded. All Board members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
- 8. Mike Rains presented the Revised Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Revised Budget and the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget; Mayor Williams seconded. All Board members voted in favor; motion carried.

9. Councilmember McAlister made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Statler seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Mike Rains, recording secretary for Glenn Dromgoole, Secretary

Chuck Statler President