

Minutes
Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District
Board Meeting June 12, 2023

Public notice having been posted, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District was held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 1:30 pm at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas.

Board Members Present: Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Taylor County
Kyle McAlister, Councilmember, City of Abilene,
Judge Phil Crowley, Taylor County
Anthony Williams, City of Abilene representative
Glenn Dromgoole, Director

Others Present: Representing City of Abilene:
Stanley Smith, City Attorney,
Mike Rains, Director of Finance
Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

Additional Attendees:
Jeff Salmon, *Frontier Texas!*
Rochelle Johnson, Taylor County Expo Center
Sam Gill, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton LLP

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chuck Statler.

Commissioner Chuck Statler, Judge Phil Crowley, and Glenn Dromgoole were sworn in as board members by Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary.

2. No public comments were made on any agenda item.
3. A motion to approve the minutes for the July 20, 2022 meeting was made by Councilmember Kyle McAlister and seconded by Anthony Williams. All Board members voted in favor; the motion carried.
4. 1) Jeff Salmon, Executive Director of *Frontier Texas!* thanked the board members for serving. Mr. Salmon indicated that out of the \$800,000 *Frontier Texas!* operating budget the Venue Tax funds approximately 67.8%. He asked that the board consider a .5% shift from *Frontier Texas!* to the Expo Center for FY 24 to reach a 50%-50% split with the Taylor County Expo Center of Venue Tax collections. He requested the Venue District continue with a new venue project at the expiration of the current district. *Frontier Texas!* has a \$5 million project planned for expansion and renovation which he requested the Venue Tax to fund \$2 million of the project.

2) Rochelle Johnson, General Manager of the Taylor County Expo Center also thanked the board. She indicated in 2022, the Taylor County Expo Center hosted 330 event days with 214 different events on 213 calendar days. She asked the board to support the collaboration and move forward with reaching a 50-50 split with *Frontier Texas!* in FY 24. She also indicated, she was in favor of continuing the Venue District and after paying any debt service that the venue tax collections be split 50-50% with *Frontier Texas!* in the future.

5. Councilmember Kyle McAllister made a motion to shift .5% of venue allocations from *Frontier Texas!* to the Taylor County Expo Center for FY 24 making the split:

Frontier Texas! – 50%

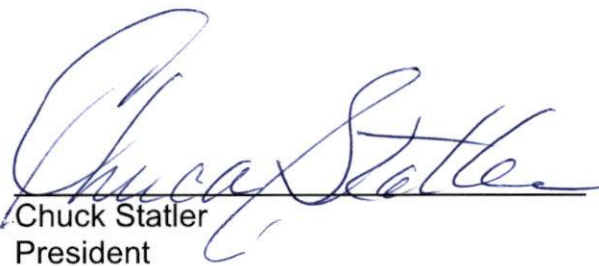
Taylor County Expo Center – 50%

Judge Phil Crowley seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor; motion carried.

6. Sam Gill informed the Board, the Attorney General of Texas has indicated that a new Venue District could continue beyond the expiration of the current Venue District on June 15, 2024. He indicated the first step would be for the Board to approve a Resolution providing for a new venue project. After receiving approval from the Texas Comptroller of a Fiscal Impact Analysis, the Board would call for a Venue Project Election which would then be in the hands of voters to approve. If the election is approved the new Venue Project would commence on June 16, 2024. A motion was made by Judge Phil Crowley, seconded by Anthony Williams to approve the Resolution providing for a Venue Project. All Board members voted in favor; motion carried.
7. Mike Rains presented the 2022 annual audit report prepared by Forvis, LLP. Glenn Dromgoole made a motion to accept the report; Councilmember Kyle McAlister seconded. All Board members voted in favor of the motion; motion carried.
8. Mike Rains presented the Revised Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Anthony Williams made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Revised Budget and the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget; Judge Phil Crowley seconded. All Board members voted in favor; motion carried.
9. Glenn Dromgoole made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Kyle McAlister seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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Mike Rains, recording secretary for
Glenn Dromgoole, Secretary

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Chuck Statler
President