

# Minutes for Liberty Tourism and Convention Commission

## January 4, 2024

Chairperson Luke Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Other commissioners present: Meagan Klee, TJ Rayhill, Laura Hebrock, Lionel Long, Sandy Wolford, Director Heather Cundiff and Assistant Director Shelby Hatter. Also present, Charlie VanLeuven, editor Casey County News.

December 2023 minutes were presented. Rayhill made a motion to accept the minutes, Klee seconded the motion. Motion passed. None opposed.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Rayhill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Long seconded the motion. Motion passed. None opposed.

Next reports from Winter Assistant Gracie Johnson, Assistant Director Shelby Hatter and Director Heather Cundiff were presented. (reports attached)

Mural proposals were reviewed and discussed. Klee made a motion to accept Dani Ford's proposal in the amount of \$18,300. Rayhill seconded the motion. Motion passed. None opposed.

A discussion regarding Christmas decorations for downtown resulted in Long proposing that a committee be formed to explore ways to improve the downtown Christmas decorations for 2024. Long volunteered to chair this committee. He explained that there seems to be a great deal of confusion regarding the role of the Tourism Commission, Chamber of Commerce and the City as far as responsibility for decorating. Long also stated that decorating the downtown for Christmas should not be the Tourism Director's sole responsibility but a comprehensive effort. Director Cundiff shared that she has been reaching out to lighting companies about contracting the Christmas lights for downtown. Rayhill made a motion to form a committee consisting of Long, a representative from the Chamber, the Mayor and his assistant, and the Judge Executive. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed. None opposed.

Klee made a motion to move to executive session – KRS 61.810 (e) personnel. Wolford seconded.

Rayhill made a motion to return to regular session. Klee seconded.

Klee made the motion to approve an 11% raise for Director Cundiff and to present a monetary award of 10% of the difference from 2022 to 2023 in the collected restaurant tax for 2023. Long seconded the motion. Motion passed. None opposed.

Hebrock made a motion to adjourn. Rayhill seconded.

The next meeting will be on February 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Liberty City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wolford