

Liberty Tourism and Convention Commission Minutes for April 6, 2023

Those present: Chairman John Rigney, T.J. Rayhill, Luke Johnson, Sandy Wolford, Director Heather Cundiff and Assistant to the Director Shelby Hatter.

Guests present: Amy Carmicle-Rabich, Connie Cundiff, Barbara Jefferies, Alan Sparr, Mike Jones, Carmella Clark, Ressie Grider, Lily Pence and Casey County News Editor Charlie VanLeuven.

Chairman Rigney called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and asked for review of minutes from previous meeting. Rayhill made the motion to accept the minutes from March regular meeting and Wolford seconded the motion. None opposed. Rayhill made the motion to accept minutes from special called meeting on 3/14/23 and Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed. Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes from special called meeting 3/23/23 and Rayhill seconded the motion. None opposed.

Cundiff presented the treasurer's report and clarified the Intergovernmental Revenue for ARPA. Rayhill made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed.

Assistant Director Hatter presented the Assistant Director report (attached).

Director Cundiff presented thCarmicle-Rabich explained that ways to recognize donors were being discussed and local funeral homes have been contacted about providing information to families wishing to purchase trees or shrubs in memory of a loved one. Plans have been made for keeping the plants watered. \$1150 was requested to help with the costs of clearing and planting. Rayhill made motion to approve \$1150 Wolford seconded the motion. None opposed.

Mike Jones reported that an additional \$800 was needed to install the needed amperage on the electrical supply for events held behind City Hall. Johnson made the motion to approve the additional \$800, Rayhill seconded the motion. None opposed.

Façade grant committee recommended a rate of \$20 per hour for business owners doing their own work/labor for façade improvements. Rayhill made motion to approve the rate of \$20 per hour, Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed.

After discussion, the LTCC recommended to leave the fireworks launch at the Ag/Expo Center for the upcoming 4th of July celebration.

A request has been made for clarification of the Façade Grant to determine if it would include a bed and breakfast in the downtown area. Wolford requested that this be tabled until the committee could reconvene to clarify the limits of the grant.

Chairman Rigney called for New Business.

Director Cundiff is requesting that a credit/debit card be provided to Assistant Director Hatter with a \$1000 limit. Rayhill made a motion to provide Hatter with a debit/credit card, Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed.

Information about business banners was tabled until the next meeting.

Rayhill made a motion to go into executive session:

- KRS 61.810 (e) Personnel and

- KRS 61.810c - Litigation

Rayhill made motion to return to regular session and Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed.

Following the executive session, Carmella Clark asked to speak to the LTCC. She wanted to know how the public could make suggestions to the LTCC. Director Cundiff explained that she could be contacted through the LTCC website, or on the LTCC Facebook page. Cundiff also said that she can be contacted at her office or by calling her on the phone. Clark then turned the discussion to the Lake Liberty trail expansion project and the future campground at Lake Liberty. Clark shared that the Ob Wilson heirs are upset with the current development and the future development. She said that according to the will, which was probated in 1986, the land was donated with the understanding that there would be no public use of the property. She also requested that if the LTCC moved forward with the plans for the campground, that a staff person be hired to oversee the recreational use of the property. Director Cundiff reported that it was in the plans to hire security for the area if a campground is developed.

Rayhill made a motion to adjourn, Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed

Next regular meeting will be on May 4 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wolford