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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**June 17, 2024  
12:00 PM**

The regular Board Meeting of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority was called to order at 12:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Bank of Springfield Center by Chairman Mike Coffey, Jr..

A roll call was taken and the following Board Members were present, representing a quorum:

Ms. Goza  
Ms. Grant  
Ms. Lesko  
Ms. Simpson  
Mr. Smarjesse  
Ms. Squires  
Mr. Taft  
Mr. Young

Also present were Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance; Greg Scronce, Legal Counsel; Jim Dickey.

Mr. Coffey asked Mr. Smarjesse to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Coffey asked if there were any statements from visitors or guests.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Items A & B, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2024 and the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey presented the Chairman's report. Mr. Coffey stated that the Sangamon County Board met regarding an increase in the Hotel/Motel Tax. A discussion took place. Ms. Squires inquired when the taxes will start being collection. Mr. Coffey stated that there is no tax at this time and that the County will decide if they are going to participate. Ms. Grant asked if the Board was going to get a copy of the proposed plans. Mr. Coffey stated that everyone had received something from Ms. Davis but that they would not have a set plan until everything with the TID is finalized. Ms. Simpson wanted to confirm that the new tax would not affect the citizens of Springfield. Mr. Coffey stated that the tax would only affect those who stay at a Hotel/Motel. Ms. Squires inquired about how the percentage of taxes is collected to cover the total cost within 20 years. Mr. Coffey explained the mathematic behind the taxes and loans.

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Mr. Coffey called upon Ms. Goza to give the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee met at 11:49 AM.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the list of bills as presented, but needed full Board approval.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the list of bills. A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Smarjesse. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Ms. Goza stated that there were three (3) expenditures over \$1,000.00, but needed full Board approval.

1. Enecon - \$1,120.00...Roof Sealer
2. Evapar - \$1,780.00...Emergency Generator Maintenance
3. LRS - \$6,325.00...New Firewall for Fiber Internet

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the expenditures over \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Smarjesse. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the FY'25 Tentative Budget to be on file for 30 days, but needed full Board approval.

Ms. Simpson inquired about the Plaza Parking Revenue on page 15 and asked if it was accurate based on past years. Ms. Jennings stated that it is a correct assessment. Ms. Simpson asked how much it is to park, which is \$1.00 per hour with a maximum cost of \$7.00.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the FY'25 Tentative Budget to be on file for 30 days. A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no General Counsel report presented at this meeting. Mr. Scronce stated that he was just filling in for Mr. Reichert who is out of town. He stated that to expand on Ms. Simpsons question regarding the Hotel/Motel Tax, people who have an Airbnb may be included in this tax as well.

There was no General Managers report presented at this meeting.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:17PM.

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Tracy Motter  
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Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.  
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