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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 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
Mr. Mills
Ms. Simpson
Mr. Young

Also present were Jodi Davis, General Manager; Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance; Kristi Corpin, Eck, Schafer & Punke; Jim Dickey.

Mr. Coffey lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Coffey called upon Ms. Corpin to present the FY'24 Audit report to the Board. Ms. Corpin stated that everyone should have some paperwork/binders in front of them. Ms. Corpin referred to the Required Communication letter and gave a brief synopsis, followed by a description of the Deficiencies in Internal Control letter. Then she referred to the Financial Statements & Independent Auditor's Report and explained certain pages throughout. She concluded the presentation with a look at the Graphs and Other Matters letter. Questions were asked for clarification.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Items A, B & C, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2024, the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act Minutes from December 16, 2024 and the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey presented the Chairman's report. Mr. Coffey stated that they are still working on the expansion plans and the CSL is running through the numbers to see what is feasible. He stated that they may be looking to scale down the version based on cost analysis. A discussion took place regarding what the State and County is willing to do. He stated once that is figured out, it will be up to the Board to decide what SMEAA is willing to do. He state that he is working with the Mayor and Senator Turner, and that they are making progress.

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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 Mr. Mills, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. 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. AdGators- \$1,380.00...Annual Maintenance & Support
2. Johnson Controls - \$5,863.05...Fire Panel Repair (3 invoices: 12/04/24 - \$3,406.28; 12/12/24 - \$1,377.08; 12/16/24 - \$1,079.69)
3. Event Draw - \$6,745.50...Yrly Subscription for Diagrams

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

There was no General Counsel report presented at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated that things have been busy. She informed the Board that this past weekend was the annual IL Kids Wrestling event, which pulled in over 4,000 people. She stated that the Cardinal Caravan event pulled in a good number of attendances, too. Ms. Davis stated that the next couple of weeks will continue to be busy starting with the City Tournament this week.

Ms. Simpson inquired about the graininess of the indoor message machines. Ms. Davis stated that she will have to look at it that it might be a simple fix of using the correct resolutions/pixels format. However, if it is a problem with the screens, she will have Ace Sign come out to check them out.

Ms. Simpson inquired on the status of the garage elevators. Ms. Davis stated that they are in clean and working order. Ms. Simpson suggested that Ms. Davis do a walk through to ensure problems are resolved.

Mr. Young inquired on the status of the kitchen garbage disposal that was discussed during the last meeting. Ms. Davis stated that we did end up going with the local company and they waived the freight charges.

Mr. Mills inquired about the Harlem Globetrotters and if they did well with sells. Ms. Davis stated that they are a rental event, but the Concession sales and Merch commission were a little higher than last year. Ms. Goza inquired if there was an incentive for the Harlem Globetrotter tickets prices to go down in price of the day of the event. She expressed her concern because she never saw any advertisement regarding this event. Ms. Davis informed the Board that the Harlem Globetrotters only rent the facility and do all of their advertisements. She stated that they actually increased their price for the day of to try and get people to purchase their tickets in advance.

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Ms. Grant asked about the Music & Entertainment Committee that Mr. Coffey has brought up during the last meeting. Mr. Coffey stated that he has not created that committee yet but will be working on putting something together soon. Mr. Coffey stated that he and Ms. Davis are in the process of working on getting a popular act for Christmas 2025.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Goza, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 PM.

Tracy Motter
Office Manager

Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.
Chairman