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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025

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. Grant
- Ms. Lesko
- Mr. Loftus
- Mr. Mills
- Ms. Simpson
- Ms. Squires

Also present were Jodi Davis, General Manager; Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance; Justin Reichert, Legal Council; 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 asked for a motion to approve Action Items A & B, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025 and the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey stated that the Finance Committee did not have a quorum.

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

Mr. Coffey stated that there were two (2) expenditures over \$1,000.00, but needed full Board approval.

1. Grundy Supply- \$1,183.99...Carpet Cleaner Repair
2. Johnson Controls - \$1,576.00...Fire Alarm Inspection

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.

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Mr. Coffey presented the Chairman's report. Mr. Coffey stated that he & Ms. Davis have been working with Venue Coalition to see about getting a Booking Director for The Center. Ms. Davis handed out a document detailing the Booking Director services and the cost each year for a three-year contract. A discussion took place regarding expectations. Mr. Coffey stated that per the discussion during the January meeting, the Board decided that they were willing to possibly lose a nominal amount in order to get acts into The Center. A discussion took place regarding past acts and losses. A suggestion was made to see if there is an option for a two-year contract versus a three-year contract. Mr. Coffey stated that they will look to see if that is an option and it will be brought back to the Board during the March meeting to vote on signing the contract with Venue Coalition.

There was no General Counsel report presented at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated that there were no events in the building last week, due to the Home Show moving back out to the Fairgrounds, which allowed her to walk around to see what needed fixed. She stated that they are changing out a lot of light bulbs.

Ms. Davis stated that going starting this week with the IL Pork Producers, The Center will be very busy with events through mid-May.

Ms. Simpson inquired into why the Home Show moved to the Fairgrounds. Ms. Davis explained that the Fairgrounds are less expensive than The Center and their Board made the decision to move the show back out there. Mr. Loftus asked if she had tried to work with them on getting the costs down. Ms. Davis stated that she had tried to cut back on their costs, including the move-in and move-out days, but she had already been giving them discounts to get them here the past few years.

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

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Tracy Motter  
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Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.  
Chairman