

**ANDERSON MADISON COUNTY
VISITORS COMMISSION**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

**VISITORS BUREAU MEETING ROOM
10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

Attending: Jan Davis, Abby Shores, Janet Stover, Norman Rayford & Amy Turner

Ex-officio: Mark Thacker, Executive Director, & Terry Taylor, Board Chair

Absent: Kelley Morgan and Darla Sallee

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Jan Davis at 10:09 a.m.
- II. The Commission was called on to approve or amend the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Abby Shores. Seconded by Janet Stover. Motion Passed.
- III. County Attorney, Mr. Graham, was present to swear in Commission Members.
- IV. Introductions around the table.
- V. The Secretary's report was reviewed from the January 2024 meeting. Motion to approved was made by Norman Rayford. Seconded by Janet. Motion Passed.
- VI. The Treasurer's report gave the Commission's financial status noting that through March 31, 2024, the balance in the innkeepers tax collected revenue is \$134,503.34. Motion to approve was made by Janet. Seconded by Norman. Motion Passed.
- VII. Old Business:
 - A. **New Hotel Updates** – Mark Thacker shared that the Tru by Hilton is projected to open June 2024. Avid is to break ground shortly after the Tru opens. Townplace Suites and LaQuinta have expressed interest in building east of the Fairfield Inn. Cobblestone has been approved to build in Elwood. Rumors of another hotel in Elwood have been heard. Ingalls is also interested in securing a hotel at exit 214.
 - B. **Innkeepers Status** – Mark shared efforts being applied toward recovery of non-remittance innkeepers tax from three hoteliers. Mark is also pursuing discussions with Indiana Department of Revenue regarding another lodging venue.
- VIII. New Business:
 - A. **Commission Secretary** – Jan asked attending Commission Members for someone to step up to the Secretary position. Janet volunteered. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. **Special Allocation Request** – Mark presented a request for special allocation to support funding the Anderson Speedway's capital project of replacing their venue speakers. A motion was made by Norman to approve \$5,000 towards the Anderson Speedway capital request. Seconded by Amy Turner. Motion Passed.

IX. **President's Remarks** – Jan thanked everyone for their time and commitment to serving on the Commission.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

2024 Commission Meetings at 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson Madison County Visitors Bureau

July 11
October 10