ANDERSON MADISON COUNTY VISITORS COMMISSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

VISITORS BUREAU MEETING ROOM 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Attending: Commission President Jan Davis, Norman Rayford, Abby Shores, Janet Stover, Darla Sallee and Amy Turner

Ex-officio: Mark Thacker, Executive Director

Absent:

I. The meeting was called to order by President Jan Davis at 10:01 am.

II. The Commission was called on to approve or amend the agenda.
Motion to approve was made by Norman Rayford. Seconded by Amy Turner. Motion Passed

III. The Secretary's report was reviewed from the July 9, 2026, meeting. Motion to approve was made by Abby Shores. Seconded by Norman Rayford. Motion Passed.

IV. The Treasurer's report gave the Commission's financial status noting the Commission has received $605,120.85 year-to-date from the County Treasurer's Office.
Motion to approve was made by Norman Rayford. Seconded by Amy Turner. Motion Passed.
A motion was made by. Darla Sallee and seconded by Norman Rayford to roll $200,000.00 to a 9-month CD at 4%.

V. Old Business:

A. White River Food Truck Festival Recap
Mark Thacker reported that the Food Truck Festival was successful. Nineteen food and beverage trucks were present, and a 40% increase in attendance for the festival was recorded.

B. Hotel Update
Mark Thacker gave a report on hotels and noted that the Pendleton Fairfield was moving forward as planned.

C. Legislative Update

i) Local Ordinance
State code went into effect July 1, 2026. The impact to Madison County is Visitors Commission representation to now include Elwood and Alexandria.

ii) Membership
Patrick Haulter submitted a letter of resignation due to a promotion and relocation. Motion to approve was made by Janet Stover. Seconded by Darla Sallee.

A motion to approve Patrick Haulter's replacement as Michellle Bond was made by Abby Shores and seconded by Amy Turner. Motion carried.
Elwood Mayor Jones approved transitioning Janet Stover from representing the county to representing Elwood. A motion to approve Stephanie Evelo's admission to the commission as a county representative was made by Janet Stover and seconded by Darla Sallee. Motion carried.

VI. New Business:

A. 2027 AMCVB Budget

A motion to approve the 2027 budget at $825,00.00 was made by Janet Stover and seconded by Norman Rayford. Motion carried.

VII. Other

Abby Shores will work with AMCVB staff to adjust the monthly draw for the first quarter.

VIII. President's Remarks:

Jan Davis thanked the commission and AMCVB staff for commitment to such a worthy cause.

IX. VIII. Adjourn – Amotion was made and by Abby Shores and seconded by Amy Turner to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Janet Stover, Commission Secretary

AMCVB Board Meeting – October 22 at 4:00pm – Falls Park Office – 460 Falls Park Drive
AMCVB Open House – December 9 at 12:30pm to 4:00pm

2027 COMMISSION MEETINGS
January 14, 2027
April 8, 2027
July 8, 2027
October 14, 2027