



TAX ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2024

1. Welcome & Call to Order.....Barbie Haeck,Chair
Present: Tina Grange, Lenise Peterman, Layne Miller, Scottie, Draper, Amy Anderson, Aubrey Kirkwood, Tim Riley, Commissioner Jensen, Barbie Haeck,

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Approval of MinutesBarbie Haeck,Chair
One correction by Tim Riley. The Helper band is Folk Hogan, not Hulk Hogan. Motion to approve with corrections made by Lenise Peterman, Second by Amy Anderson. Motion carried.

3. City Updates.....City Representatives
Helper: Mayor Peterman reported that Rio Theater is hosting live concerts. ONE happening this weekend and encourages people to attend. They put on a great show.
Layne: Updated on Renaissance Fair

4. Fire Department Contract Funding Request.....Larry Jensen, Commissioner
Commissioner Jensen addressed the board to ask for funding assistance from the Tourism Reserve Funds for \$80,000 to raise the contract agreement with the cities to provide fire and rescue to the unincorporated areas of the county. The county is currently having discussions to start a Fire Dept. District where funding will be overseen by a board. In the meantime there is a need to raise the current contract in 2024. Tim Riley asked if this is a one time ask or if there will be an ask again next year. Commissioner Jensen explained that hopefully a district will be going by then but encouraged the tourism dpt to allocate funds for public safety each year. Tina explained to the board the forecast of tourism dollars going forward and that they don't expect to see an increase this year but will more than likely see it remain the same over the next couple of years until we are able to add to our destination however, there is money in reserves that we should consider for this type of thing since those dollars can be used for public safety. Encouraged that we use reserve funding first before allocating funds from the operating budget.

Barbie asked what the current contract is and Commissioner Jensen said \$300,000.00 so if approved, it would go up to \$380,000 in 2024 with the help of reserve funds. Motion to approve the recommendation for \$80,000 from Tourism Reserves to help with the Fire Dept contract for 2024 made by Tim Riley

Second by Amy Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Other items for discussion.....Barbie Haeck, Chair

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm made by Tim Riley, Second by Amy Anderson, All in favor.

Motion carried

Meeting minutes approved on April 9, 2024