

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes  
Thursday, February 18, 2016

**Present:** Chairman Mike Haney, Lew Steinbrecher, Thomas Thomas, Jennifer Walker, Ted Thoms, John Hass, Paul Mulcahey (via phone)

**Absent:** Don Welvaert, Hunt Harris, Reggie Freeman

**Staff:** Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Joy Toporowski and Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C.)

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Thoms, seconded by Ms. Walker, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary. With regard to payables, Mr. Hass made inquiry as to the scope of services rendered by Labor Ready Midwest, Inc.; with Mr. Jones responding that the work relates to post-event cleaning. Motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher, to approve the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2016. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Director's Update:**

Mr. Mullen described a number of upcoming events, including some events that are confirmed and some events that have cancelled. Some topics within Mr. Mullen's report consisted of the following: Mr. Mullen's attendance of a recent conference including key promoters; Mr. Mullen's view of the prospects of his success in securing new and/or innovative entertainment (e.g. family shows, acts of rising popularity, new promoters associated with the rodeo, scheduling for the 2016 circus, etc).

**Staff Report on Arena Improvement Projects:**

Rocky Jones informed the Board that there has been no movement on the DCEO funds.

Kevin Snodgrass distributed a summary of the HD equipment upgrade. The Board was reminded that the project had previously been approved on the basis of a not-to-exceed figure of \$70,000. Mr. Snodgrass, as an update on the status of the project, informed the Board that an advertisement for bids had been issued, with responses received; and that the responses were competitive and slightly higher than cost projections. He pointed out, however, that the overall cost of the project would likely be less in the long term. Mr. Mullen offered that the thought process behind Mr. Snodgrass' report is that the possibility exists for participation in the cost by third parties (sponsors/tenants) who will benefit from the upgrade. Mr. Mullen stated that the Board can expect a more precise report on the status at a future meeting.

Mr. Snodgrass continued his report on the HD equipment upgrade by identifying the proposals and the corresponding prices. He pointed out that the bid invitation provided the Arena the flexibility of accepting subparts of the various proposals among prospective vendors. Accordingly, Mr. Snodgrass' recommendations proceeded as follows: B&H Photo Video, as the lowest responsible bidder for switcher and relay, cameras, and accessories (amps & monitors) at a cost of \$69,723.94; and Markertek.com as the lowest responsible bidder for accessories (cabling only) and ClearCom at a cost of \$10,392.71. General Board discussion occurred relating to the timing of the implementation of the project.

Motion by Mr. Hass, seconded by Ms. Walker, to accept the above-described proposal of B&H Photo Video and award the project to B&H Photo Video for the above described amount, with the basis for the motion being the report of Mr. Snodgrass. With Chairman Haney observing that the Board offered no further comment, he called for a vote on the motion. The vote was taken and it carried unanimously, with the exception of Mr. Steinbrecher, who abstained. The reason for the abstention was identified within the meeting as Mr. Steinbrecher's preference to maintain the appearance of neutrality on matters which have the possibility of being subsequently incorporated in a request to the City of Moline for reimbursement as CIPRA or otherwise.

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**Executive/Closed Session:** At 12:47 p.m., Chairman Haney invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the following purpose: personnel, i.e., performance and compensation matters relating to specific employees. Roger Strandlund, Legal Counsel, provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting the application of an exception to the Open Meetings Act, i.e., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Hass, to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairman Haney calling for a roll call vote on the motion; the vote was taken with all Board members voting "Aye". Chairman Haney declared the motion carried and, therefore, excused all Arena staff, including Mr. Mullen.

No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

At 1:04 p.m., motion by Mr. Thoms, seconded by Mr. Hass, to adjourn back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Chairman Haney declared the motion carried.

Adjourn: Ms. Walker motioned for adjournment. Mr. Thomas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Joy Toporowski, Acting Secretary