

Town of Franklin Tourism Development Authority Meeting

August 12, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Connie Grubermann, Donnie Bishop, Tim Crabtree, Josh Drake, and Town Manager Summer Woodard.

Matt Holland, Candy Presley, and Cheryl Pullium were absent.

New Business: Funding Request for the Naturalist Event

Corey McCall presented a request for \$1,700.

New Business: Funding Request for the Smoky Mountain Performing Arts Center

Scotty Corbin presented a request for \$15,000.

New Business: Funding Request for Macon County Transit

Kim Angel presented a request for \$4,800.

Approval of July 8, 2019 Board minutes

Motion was made by Bishop, second by Drake to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Financial Reports

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented the financial report for July, 2019. Report is attached.

Motion was made by Drake, seconded by Crabtree to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance/Budget Chair – None.

Policy and Procedures – None.

Application Review chair – Under New Business.

Old Business: Funding Request for the Franklin Press

Motion by Woodard, second by Bishop to award \$6,000 to the Franklin Press for their advertising proposal. Motion carried. Vote 4 to 1. Drake opposed.

Old Business: Funding Request for Mountain High BBQ Festival

Josh Drake said that since the festival had already happened and they already had \$5,000 profit built into the proposal, the TDA would just be making a donation to the Chamber of Commerce.

Donnie Bishop said it was important to keep in mind that they are having to pay salaries to the workers.

August 12, 2019 meeting continued,

Drake said that most of the people at the Chamber are going to get paid whether they work an event or not.

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Crabtree to award \$2,000 to the Chamber of Commerce. Motion failed. Vote: 2-3. Drake, Grubermann, and Woodard opposed.

Items from the Board

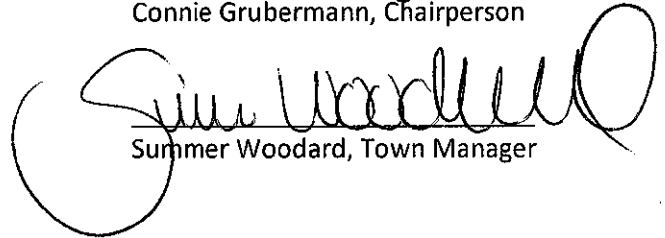
There were none.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Drake, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.



Connie Grubermann, Chairperson



Summer Woodard, Town Manager