NATCHEZ CONVENTION PROMOTION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 1:00pm

Commissioners Present:	Helen Moss Smith, Lance Harris (online), John Grady Burns (online) & Jennie Guido (online), Robbie Cade Furdge (online)
Staff:	Lynsey Gilbert, Jessica Cauthen, Mallory Meng & Roscoe Barnes
Guests:	Monica Cross, Ryan Richardson

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Helen Moss Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 1:03pm.

APPROVE MINUTES

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by John Grady Buns, to approve the minutes for the rescheduled regular meeting on June 20, 2024, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Robbie Cade Furdge joined at 1:05pm.

No physical financial reports were at the meeting. Silas Simmons was delayed in sending them and the Visit Natchez printer broke. A copy was emailed to commissioners prior to the July 17 meeting.

Monica Cross stated nothing unusual with this month's financials and all supporting documents are included in emailed packet.

Ryan Richardson joined at 1:07pm.

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to accept the financials and payment docket, as presented by Silas Simmons.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

No motion was made regarding Monica's Hope Cancer Walk marketing request, as recommended by TMAC, due to nature of local event.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Jennie Guido, to support Christmas in Natchez, in the amount of $4,000, as recommended by TMAC.

Lance Harris recused himself. The motion passed with 3 yays, 0 nays and 1 recusal.

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to support Natchez Balloon Festival, in the amount of $5,000, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to support Junkin' on the River Fall Event, in the amount of $2,000 as recommended by TMAC. They will also be encouraged to use digital marketing methods in addition to print, as well as complete future applications online not handwritten.

The motion passed unanimously.

No motion was made regarding Y'all Means All marketing request, as recommended by TMAC, due to the final report not being turned in as guidelines require.

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade Furdge, to support Live at Five, in the amount of $2,500, as recommended by TMAC.

Lance Harris recused himself. The motion passed with 3 yays, 0 nays and 1 recusal.

Robbie Cade Furdge motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to support Seeds of Change Bikers Weekend on the Bluff, in the amount of $3,000, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

No motion was made regarding Biker Rally Weekend marketing request, as recommended by TMAC.

Helen Moss Smith motioned, seconded by Jennie Guido, to replace Tim Morrissey's casino representative term with Allen Carter until the expiration date.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Natchez Convention Promotion Commission (hereinafter the NCPC) took up for consideration matters related to those bank accounts for operating currently held at Home Bank, Natchez, Mississippi. Matters to be considered are revising the signatories on all 4 accounts; adding new commissioners Jennie Guido and John Grady Burns as signatories.

After a discussion of the subject, Commissioner __Smith_____ offered and moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE NATCHEZ CONVENTION PROMOTION COMMISION CONFIRMING THE MATTERS LISTED BELOW RELATED TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS AND CREDIT CARDS CURRENTLY HELD AT HOME BANK, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI:

WHEREAS, the NCPC hereby finds, determines, adjudicates, and declares as follows:

1. The bank accounts for operating, marketing, visitor services and grants for the NCPC are currently held at Home Bank, Natchez, Mississippi.
2. The credit cards for the NCPC are currently held at Home Bank, Natchez, Mississippi.

3. The accounts are under the NCPC's tax ID number: 64-0603162.
4. Signatories to be added are Jennie Guido and John Grady Burns.
5. The NCPC acknowledges and accepts that Home Bank does not recognize nor check a requirement of two signatures. However, the NCPC has an internal requirement for two authorized signatures and will continue to write checks with two signatures. The signatories on all account are to be: Lynsey Gilbert, Interim Director, Commissioners Barbara Bruce, Robbie Cade-Furdge, Helen Moss Smith, President/Chairperson, Jennie Guido and John Grady Burns.
6. All online bank transactions require two approvals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NCPC THAT THE NAMES LISTED ABOVE ARE TO BE SIGNATORIES ON ALL ACCOUNTS AT HOME BANK, NATCHEZ, MS.

Commissioner ____Guido_____ seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Commissioner Lance Harris	_____yay_____
Commissioner Barbara Bruce	____absent___
Commissioner Helen Moss Smith	_____yay_____
Commissioner Robbie Cade-Furdge	_____yay_____
Commissioner Jennie Guido	_____yay_____
Commissioner John Grady Burns	_____yay_____

The motion has received the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the 17th day of July 2024.

STAFF REPORTS

Lynsey Gilbert presented a 6/28/24 email request from Walter Tipton on behalf of the MS Firefighter Association. They are requesting a monetary sponsorship for the conference to return in 2026 and 2027. Previously, the NCPC approved $7,000 for the 2023 conference and $5,000 for the 2024 conference, contingent on the City giving comparable sponsorships.

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to approve a $6,000 sponsorship for the MS Firefighter Association conferences in both 2027 and 2028, contingent on the City giving comparable sponsorships.

The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Helen Moss Smith motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to go into closed determination.

The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Moss Smith motioned, seconded by Jennie Guido, to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel at 2:52pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Moss Smith motioned, seconded by Lance Harris, to return to regular session at 3:16pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Moss Smith motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade Furdge, to adjourn at 3:18pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: Email request from Walter Tipton on behalf of MS Firefighters conferences 2026 & 2027

Attest:

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Helen Moss Smith/ President/Chairman

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Lance Harris, Secretary/Treasurer