

CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
May 21, 2015

A special meeting of the Convention and Visitor Bureau Advisory Board was posted May 19, 2015 before 5:00 PM. The meeting was held May 21, 2015 at Guthrie City Hall.

Members Present: Debra Prather, Chair
Damon Devereaux Absent
Justin Fortney
Scott Haas Absent
James Long Absent
Stacy Staton
Trey Woods

Ex-officio Present: Steve Gentling
Sharyl Padgett Absent

Also Present: Tom Webb, Cody Mosley, Laurie Fuller, Sereniah Breland

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM. Board members were present and a quorum declared.

Public Comments. None.

Approval of Previous Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Staton and seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve the May 18, 2015 minutes as submitted. All voted Aye.

Discussion Item 1. Cody Mosley noted that during the regularly scheduled meeting held on May 18, 2015, the topic of a letter of support for the Taloa Music Festival was brought up as a question. Mosley noted that Taloa has promised a crowd capped at 5,000 attendees. The timeframe for street closures is Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 PM until Monday, September 28th at 7:00 AM. Anticipated street closures include Wentz between Harrison and Oklahoma (vehicle access on Harrison and Oklahoma), Second between Vilas and the Post Office entrance on Second (the Post Office access for customers and staff will not be blocked), Harrison between First and Third, First between Harrison and Oklahoma, and north of Oklahoma to Noble (vehicle access on Oklahoma), Cleveland from Division to Second Street.

Commissioner Fortney commented on the purpose of the Convention and Visitor Bureau Advisory Board, and recommended that the Board write a letter to the Guthrie City Council asking to honor the agreement with the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival, and to also give Taloa Music Festival an opportunity to promote Guthrie as a destination for tourism.

Future Discussion. Mayor Gentling suggested that based on Commissioner Fortney's comments earlier, that the Convention and Visitor Bureau Advisory Board develop a checklist of expectations that events have to abide by in hopes of hosting future festivals in Guthrie.

Staff Comments. A thank you was extended to the board members who were able to attend the meeting. Attendance shows great dedication to the community when volunteers willingly drop projects to attend a Thursday meeting at noon to provide insight on issues that impact the community.

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Board Comments. None.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Cody Mosley, Community & Economic Development Director