



ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET
APRIL 25, 2017

The **Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget** for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at the St. Tammany Tourist and Convention Commission office located at 68099 Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana.

Chairman Thomas J. Smith, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and delivered the invocation. He then asked Commission Counsel Sam Collett III to swear in a new commissioner, Marlaine Peachey, who fills the unexpired term of Board member Daniel Schaus, who resigned from the Board in February.

Mr. Smith opened the floor for discussion or questions.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Connie Born
Sharon Lo Drucker
Bonnie Eades
Mark Myers
Susan Nuss
Marlaine Peachey
T. J. Smith

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

A quorum was present

The budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2018 was published in the official journal of the Parish and was also available for viewing at the Tourist Commission office, in accordance with Louisiana state law. The proposed budget was distributed to members of the board prior to this meeting, and Donna O’Daniels spoke individually with commissioners.

Donna O’Daniels reviewed each section of the budget booklet with the commissioners. Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues are budgeted at \$1,400,000, which is the same as last year’s budget. The state appropriation Visitor Enterprise Fund is projected at \$451,250. Interest income is estimated at \$14,200, bringing total budgeted revenue to \$1,875,450. From the 2018 General Fund, 80 percent is for Marketing and Promotion, with 16 percent for Operations and Administration and four percent for Capital Expense. Personnel costs include a 2% cost-of-living adjustment for full time staff, and there will be no merit raises. In response to a question about the \$25,000 increase in Capital Outlay, Donna said the building is at its 20 year anniversary and there are maintenance issues such as pressure washing, painting, and floor tiles that need to be replaced.

There being no further questions or comments, Mark Myers made A MOTION to close discussion and adjourn the Budget Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Bonnie Eades, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Rae Shipley
Recording Secretary

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Chairman of the Board