



ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET  
APRIL 26, 2016

The **Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget** for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at the St. Tammany Tourist and Convention Commission office located at 68099 Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana.

Vice-Chair Thomas J. Smith, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and opened the floor for discussion or questions.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Connie Born  
Sharon Lo Drucker  
Bonnie Eades  
Mark Myers  
T. J. Smith  
Valerie Waeltz

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Daniel Schaus

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

*A quorum was present*

The budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2016 and ending May 31, 2017 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 Revenue is budgeted at \$1,400,000, which is the same as last year. The state appropriation general fund was decreased 30 percent, from \$475,000 last year to \$332,500, and the cooperative advertising program has been eliminated. Personnel costs include a 2% cost-of-living adjustment for full time staff. We are exiting the state welcome centers.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

*S / Rae Shipley*

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Rae Shipley  
Recording Secretary

*S / Thomas J. Smith, Jr.*

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Vice-Chair