

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Galena Country Tourism Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Depot Meeting Room – Upstairs 101 Bouthillier St., Galena IL 61036

Call to Order: 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Colin Sanderson, Zeke Winders, Betsy Rose Achett (Joined Meeting 2:03), Terry Mattson, Absent: Jack Deiter

Others Present: Lori Kinnaman

Citizen Comments – None

Old Business-

Mattson reviewed the financial statements. The Hotel/Motel Tax Comparison Report was not available at the time of the meeting. Mattson told the committee that once the city submits the tax revenue amounts a full report will be sent to the committee members. Sanderson questioned several line-item amounts, which were answered. Kinnaman noted that one invoice was submitted after the end of the 2024 fiscal year for photography. She also noted that this will change the actual versus budget amount in this line item due to the late invoice. Achett asked if there are any additional outstanding invoices from the previous fiscal year and Kinnaman stated that there were no outstanding invoices. Mattson told the committee that they are working with the Dubuque Film Festival. He would like to negotiate a sponsorship if they will commit to having the opening night with the Center for the Arts. Sanderson asked if he could see the breakdown of the media spending from Envisionit each month. Kinnaman stated that the breakdown she receives could be included in the reports.

New Business -

Kinnaman stated that she reached out to the city of Galena to ask why the number of hotels increased on the previous month's report and she was told that the Grant Hills Motel was annexed into the city, and they have just started collecting the tax dollars for that property. She shared with the committee that the International Grant is awaiting approval.

Adjourn – Achett motions to adjourn, Sanderson seconded, Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

