

# TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOURISM DEVELOPEMNT AUTHORITY

## MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

Present: Chair Connie Grubermann, Members Donnie Bishop, Amie Owens, Tim Crabtree, Kevin Covell, and Josh Drake (late)

Absent: Cheryl Pullium

Others present: Nicole Bradley, HR Director/Town Clerk  
Mia Overton, The Franklin Press  
Dan Finnerty, Macon County News

**1. Call to Order- Chair Connie Grubermann**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**2. Approval of the November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

***Member Donnie Bishop made a motion, seconded by Member Kevin Covell to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.***

**3. Financial Reports- ending November 2022**

Town Manger Amie Owens presented the Financial Report for thru end of November 2022. She noted that October & November were highest October/November on record, (\$25,726.85 & \$14,836.36). There were a few late payments made. In October. Tax Collector, Sabrina Scruggs tracks the payments.

Total expenses thus far \$78,377.75 leaving the balance of \$186,622.25 and \$154,526.84 remains in TDA Fund Balance. The report is incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit A.

***Member Josh Drake made a motion, seconded by Member Tim Crabtree to approve the financial report ending November 2022. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.***

**4. New Business**

A. Consideration of new applications:

1. Franklin Appalachian Trail Community Council has requested \$2,420 for the 2023 Appalachian Trail Celebration. There were no questions on this request. This item will be voted on at the February 2023 meeting.

B. Vote on request:

1. Macon County Transit submitted an application for consideration for funding on October 26, 2022. The request is for \$4,870 for the Hiker Route. Last year \$2,000 was approved for funding.

***Member Josh Drake made a motion, seconded by Member Donnie Bishop to approve funding of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.***

**5. Items from the Board**

Amie Owens: There has been no new information from Local IQ on advertising.

Tim Crabtree: Ruby Drop went well. It was the biggest crowd they have had. Next year they plan to do two (2) Ruby Drops. One at 9 p.m. and one at midnight.

**6. Announcements**

A. The next regular scheduled TDA meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

7. **Adjourn**

***Member Josh Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.***

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**Connie Grubermann, Chairperson**

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**Nicole Bradley, Town Clerk**