

SAGINAW COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time:	Thursday, January 2, 2025 * 10:30AM
Location:	Saginaw County Governmental Center 111 S. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602 Board Room 200
Council Members Present:	Mary Catherine Hannah, Bill Smith, AnnMarie Batkoski, Leon Turnwald, Tim Novak
Council Members Absent:	
Others in Attendance:	Jaime Ceja (Administrator's Office), Jake Golden (Spence Brothers), Kevin Murphy (Dow Event Center), Koren Thurston (Administrator's Office), Andrew Klaczkiwicz (IT), Chris Boyd (Board of Commissioners), Jack Tany (Board of Commissioners)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:**
Chair Hannah called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
Member Batkoski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 5, 2024. Member Turnwald supported. Motion passed (5-0).
- IV. **OPEN ISSUES:**
 1. **THE DOW EVENT CENTER – PHASE 3 THEATER RENOVATIONS PROJECT – JAKE GOLDEN, PROJECT MANAGER, SPENCE BROTHERS**
 - a. Budget – Presented phase 3 budget for theater renovations. The number is large, but it is because every line item is fully funded, meaning that the design cost, contingency, and build cost is included. This is to make it easier to remove projects and still have a pretty accurate cost analysis. Some items, having been quoted before, include a percent markup or doubled to consider time passing and cost increases. Member Smith asked if this had been discussed with Kevin. Jake stated no, this is the first time he has seen it, but the intent is to meet with him and determine a priority list and bring it back to the Building Authority in February or March for approval. Chair Hannah stated that this may be a three-year project that we can break up and prepare for. The red room lighting is a priority but once the lighting is done the floor may become a priority. Member Turnwald stated that we need to be aware of the world we live in and need to look at security cameras. Is there money coming from SMG, government funding available. Member Smith asked if there will be a committee to oversee the priority list. Chair Hannah stated that is what the Building Authority will do. Kevin asked about the Elevator on the list. Jake stated this was not on the original list, but it has been talked about, so he included it, it was to be placed in the southeast corner of the event center to service the theater. Member Batkoski asked if the theater was currently ADA compliant. Kevin stated technically, yes but only because it's grandfathered in to old ADA laws. Vice-Chairman Tany asked for confirmation that the Dow has lost booking to the Temple Theater due to lighting issues. Kevin confirmed, yes.
 - b. Medical Diamond – Chair Hannah stated that there may be opportunity to work with the Medical Diamond project for training space at the Dow,

however CMU is developing a lecture hall that may fit that need. When Chair Hannah met with the CVB and discussed training space, the Dow fell short because there are no smaller rooms for breakout sessions. Member Turnwald asked if the red room dividers were in use, Kevin stated yes, but the lighting limits the room use.

c. Potential Chance Orders

- i. PCCO#023 – Credit Memo issued by Willscot (\$9,369.87)

Motion to approve PCCO#023 was made by Member Smith and supported by member Turnwald. Motion passed (5-0).

2. THE DOW EVENT CENTER – KEVIN MURPHY, GENERAL MANAGER, THE DOW EVENT CENTER

- a. **Past Event Recap** – The Nutcracker, A Christmas Story and County training all did very well in December. Spirit games are officially halfway through the season. They are mid pack as far as standing right now and historically attendance picks up in the latter half of the season.
- b. **Upcoming Event Preview** – Bull riding next week, bridal expo on the same day, Circus and Globetrotters coming up.
- c. **Theater** – Nothing in January, Clint Black in February and working on something or March. Comedy shows are doing well in the theater.
- d. **Parking Deck** – Kevin will be speaking to Mr. Shaheen, we do have 100 spaces available, but we need to negotiate a price. Member Smith stated that if they want spaces for Huntington Bank perhaps, they would be willing to put up some money. Chair Hannah stated they we would also need to look at upgraded security. Jake stated that as a reminder the elevator does not go to the lower level.

V. NEW ISSUES- N/A

- 1. Chris Boyd stated that a local group, Jedi Mind Trip performed for New Years Eve and was a hit. Bob Martin is a great source for local acts and the Midland Center is putting \$47 million into renovations.

VI. NEXT MEETING

- 1. Next meeting will be held Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 10:30AM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- 1. Member Batkoski made a motion to adjourn. Member Novak supported. The meeting ended at 11:02AM.