

**Knox County Metropolitan, Exposition,
Auditorium and Office Building
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 20, 2007

PLACE: Mark Blackburn, Jay Bullis, Bill Kendall, Bob Maus, Jan Occhi,
Eric Olsen, Vern Stisser

STAFF: Kate Francis

GUEST: Scott Erickson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jan Occhi at 3:15 P.M.

On motion of Bill, seconded by Eric, the minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting were approved.

Scott Erickson performed a formal swearing-in ceremony for the Board of Directors.

Kate discussed a request from the Knox College Union to rent the Theatre for their NWC presentation. By consensus, the Board declined this opportunity.

Under the Chairman's Report, Jan and Kate explained the presentation made to the County Board requesting funding for property insurance. The County Finance Committee will recommend a stipend of \$10,000 for this purpose to the full County Board. Jay Bullis led discussion of premium cost comparison and the recommended building replacement value. It was suggested that we consider contacting a special appraiser to better estimate replacement costs. On motion of Eric, seconded by Mark, members approved use of the proposed County funding for property insurance. Jay abstained from the vote.

Jay presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that expenditures through November 30th are \$377,379.31 versus expenses of \$334,220.67. Following discussion, on motion of Mark, seconded by Vern, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Under the President's Report, Kate noted the need for extensive boiler repair. She also noted the hiring of Doug Rankin as our new Lighting Designer and Josh Damewood as our Facilities Director. Both individuals have extensive experience and will enhance our upcoming productions.

The 2008 budget was presented and discussed by the Board. On motion of Bill, seconded by Vern, the budget was approved.

The new office facility should be complete by mid-January and will better serve our needs and those of our patrons, plus provide Main Street visibility.

On motion of Eric, seconded by Vern, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.