

**Jasper County Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting August 7, 2014**

**Present:** Carol Ann McMichael, Linda Simmons, Kathy Mudd, Skip Davis, Alma Abbott, Sage Edwards, Angela Spivey, Mike Newton, Karen Degges, Cissy Benton

**Absent:** Lyndsy Holman, Wes Chester, Brandie Deraney, Lori Gray, Robert Ross, Dodie Proctor

**Others in attendance:** Pam Mayer, Larry Perry

**Call to Order:** Kathy

**Invocation:** Mike

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion to approve June minutes Carol Ann, seconded by Angela, all approved.

Motion by Linda to approve August agenda with addition of action items from June meeting, seconded by Mike, all approved.

Motion by Mike to approve Treasurer's Report with additions of 2 expense items: \$100 Katlyn Ellawine, \$32 Chick Wilson, seconded by Linda, all approved.

**Business**

- Forward Jasper Communication Committee – Survey has been sent out to community members for input. Survey covers main topics that have been discussed during meetings over the past several months.
- Telephone transition to Vonage – up front cost \$324.97 (includes base station and extensions), monthly fee will be \$54.97. Motion by Skip to authorize Vice Chair to proceed with securing a contract and initiate the order ... seconded by Linda, all in favor.
- Membership Committee – 5 new members during July.
- Deer Festival Committee Report – **Action Items**
  - Skip Davis will follow up with Skip Nowetner on approval of parade route with the State.
  - Kathy will set up a meeting with public safety concerning the route and crowd control.
  - Karin will check on the # of orange/white barrels available for use on parade route (crowd control.)
  - Cissy will send a letter to Shriners asking them to participate in the parade.
  - Check on vacant lot on the corner of square and 16 for possible food court vendors

- Karen will follow up with Baptist Church on parking lot
- **Deer Dash** – 570 applications have been mailed to 370 addresses, application is also on RunGeorgia.com and Active.com
- Cissy will call Paul Kelly about chairs at the stage and tables for break stations, etc.
- Kathy will contact Bubba Pope or Ken Sanvidge for sound
- **Pageant** – October 26 at Piedmont, Carol Ann will get the information to Cissy for the website. Discussion on prices, programs, ads ... Motion by Linda and seconded by Angela to increase price on ads to \$20/\$35/\$50. Programs will be free, each family will receive 2 free tickets. Parents will get a \$5 reduction on any ad (1) ad per family. Carol Ann is going to approach Norton about possible donation of a scholarship for the winner. Back page of the program will be reserved for scholarship donor.

### **Public Comments**

Pam Mayer – updated on Chamber FB page, Deer Festival Page, website

Larry Perry – spoke to Board about long-term strategic planning

- Skip updated all on Forward Jasper and the strategic planning subcommittees: Finance, Communication, Transportation

### **Director Comments**

- GACCE Conference was excellent and Membership Council Meeting was good also. Asked Board about changing her title to President and CEO ... Chair said we would add to next month's agenda.
- Credit card processing – she had a quote to include processing but had not gotten back with her contact Hamilton State Bank.
- Donated (32) 2013 Deer Festival t-shirts to school system for new teachers
  - Conversation on this year's winners of the t-shirt designs ... it was decided to go ahead & put an article in the paper w/picture of them receiving checks. Recognize them at Deer Fest.
- First Friday Breakfast will be 9/5 ... we still need a sponsor
- Chamber Bucks – slow to get started but will get going in August

### **Board Comments**

Sage – discussed several proposed projects for Main Street Program

Angela – Deer Festival raffle tickets coming soon!

Karen – other ideas on Main Street Program – Achieving world record at something ...

Motion by Angela to go into closed session to discuss personnel, seconded by Carol Ann, all in favor.

Present: Karen, Linda, Carol Ann, Kathy, Skip, Sage, Alma, Angela  
Personnel issues discussed.

Motion by Carol Ann to come out of closed session 3:10 pm, seconded by Skip, all approved.

Based on personnel issues discussed, motion by Skip to request Ms. Benton provide the Monticello Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors with her resignation as President/Executive Director effective 21 August, 2014, with her last day being 7 August, 2014. Final pay check will be issued when she has cleared all COC property to include, but not limited to: cell phone, keys and all passwords. If Ms. Benton chooses not to submit her resignation, then the Board approves her immediate termination effective 7 August, 2014. Motion seconded by Angela, six members approved. Karen and Alma abstained.

Submitted August 13, 2014  
Linda Simmons, Secretary

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Signature/Date COC Chairperson