

**Jasper County Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 6, 2014**

**Present:** Angela Spivey, Linda Simmons, Wes Chester, Kath Mudd, Mike Newton, Karen Degges, Dodie Proctor, Lindsey Holman, Skip Davis, Alma Abbott, Brandi Deraney

**Absent:** Lori Gray, Carol Ann McMichael, Sage Edwards, Robert Ross

**Others in Attendance:** Deborah King, Tony Lewis, Larry Perry, Terry Emlet

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Kathy Mudd

**Invocation:** Mike Newton

Motion to approve January minutes by Linda seconded by Angela, all in favor.

Motion to approve February agenda by Skip and seconded by Angela with the following amendments: remove membership updates, remove item on COC Event Coordinator and remove Deer Festival. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Financial Report by Skip, seconded by Linda ... all in favor.

**Board training recap** – Mike Newton: very successful training, excellent presentation, enjoyed by all. Skip thanked Mike for organizing and Deborah King for hosting the meeting at Turtle Cove.

**Annual Meeting recap** – motion by Skip and seconded by Angela for Committee to send out a survey on dinner and develop a written after action report ... all in favor.

**Committee Formation** – Kathy ...

Requested By-laws Committee to review and revise as needed our current By-Laws. Members: Linda Simmons, Alma Abbott, Skip Davis (chair)

Appointed Finance Committee (budget for 2014): Skip Davis, Mike Newton, Angela Spivey, Carol Ann McMichael. Per Karen Degges, County will form a contract with regard to funds received for Executive Director's salary.

Discussion on IPad and Anovis/Square for credit card processing ... Motion by Dodie and seconded by Skip for Wes and Cissy to get together to compare services and come back to the Board with the best buy. All in favor.

Public Relations Opportunity – Dodie ... Shepard's Spinal Center conducts two hunts in Jasper County each year. One is scheduled for 3/14/2014. Dodie contacted representative to offer assistance/welcome on behalf of the Chamber. It was decided that the Chamber would furnish dessert for the event. Any member interested in preparing a dessert contact Dodie.

Golf Tournament – Per Cissy, Don Kelly requests we continue with the first Wednesday in May. Don Jernigan is Chair of the Committee ... Motion by Skip to turn over event planning to Don and he will report back to the Board, seconded by Wes, motion passed.

- Tony Lewis volunteered to assist in any way needed
- Larry Perry offered different ideas on types of sponsorships, suggested branching out to other counties for sponsors, i.e. service providers
- Karen will check on contact information for some of the larger vendors for the County

Taste of Jasper – Sage Edwards interested in pursuing this as a spring event. Discussion on combining this with another event ... decision made to combine with Concert Committee.

Discussion on Deer Festival with regard to date for 2014 ... Motion by Angela to hold festival on first Saturday of November, seconded by Mike – motion carried. Kathy requested that everyone look over brochure and advise of any changes ASAP.

Skip Davis updated on Forward Jasper. Marge Davis with Mercer University has been hired as a consultant in helping to develop a strategic plan for Jasper County. Mercer School of Engineering is hosting a meeting event on Friday, February 7, for this purpose. Representatives from across the County will be present.

Public Comments – Larry Perry very supportive of a strategic plan for Jasper. Offered to provide assistance to Chamber/County in any way possible.

Board Comments –

Chamber will have a booth at “Seuss on the Loose” March 1, at the H.S.

Lindsey Holman is interested in membership/retention committee ... she will chair.

Jasper County hosting 2014 PAC Basketball Tournament Championship Saturday, February 8, at the High School.

Submitted February 20, 2014/Linda Simmons, Secretary

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Signature/Date COC Chairperson