

**Minutes**  
**Jasper County Chamber of Commerce**

**July 13, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Tony Lewis, Carol Ann McMichael, Leah Dumas, Dr. Mike Newton, Lathaydra Sands, Tom Joye, Tracey Nelson, Russell Hicks, Mike Benton, Pam Mayer, Katie Cannon

**Members Absent**

Linda Simmons, Jeff Greeson, Monica Loftin, Skip Davis, Towonder Dennis, Dana Leach, Mandi Tanner

The meeting was called to order in the council chambers by Tony Lewis. A prayer was given by Tony, along with everyone standing for the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Carol Ann to approve the agenda as written, it was seconded by Tom all approved.

A motion was made by Tom to approve the June minutes as presented, it was seconded by Leah, all approved.

From the handouts Tracey pointed out that as of July 13, 2017 the balance at Hamilton Bank is \$14,192.58 and at Bank of Monticello the balance is \$41,501.00. Tracey reviewed the profit & loss comparison for January 1 through July 11, 2017 pointing out that a copy of the credit card statement was also included. After some discussion, a motion was made by Leah to accept the treasurers report as presented, it was seconded by Russell, all approved.

**BUSINESS:**

Pam informed everyone that membership is up to 163 entries for an increase of \$17,755 including cornerstone.

Pam informed everyone that she and Shane were trying to work out their busy schedules but a draft had been sent to Planning and Zoning regarding the event ordinance.

Memorandum of Understanding, will be meeting with the county next week.

The seven member Downtown Development Authority met, elected officers and updated bylaws. Great things to come.

DCA team to visit here next week. There will be a meet and greet here at the Chamber on Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm. Thursday there will be a small group discussion from 9:30 to noon. Topics to be discussed are tourism, housing, and economics. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Pam asked to purchase display racks, table cloths, and printing of brochures for an estimated total expense of \$1,500. A motion was made by Tom to approve this expense by using current budget figures, it was seconded by Leah and approved.

Pam informed the board that our visitor center has been awarded Regional Visitor Center for the State of Georgia. We will receive a banner to go on light pole and mats to go at the entrance.

Katie will be attending training for Georgia on my Mind Days tomorrow in Augusta where she will be meeting and greeting with over 200 people.

Pam will be attending the Georgia Association of Chamber Executives conference the week of 08-01 to 08-04 at Jekyll.

This is the year of film for the state of Georgia. Explore Georgia promotes tourism throughout the state and Jasper County will be receiving a "selfie spot " for past and future film production.

**EVENT UPDATES:**

Southern Crescent will be hosting a job fair/open house on 08/17/17 from 5-7pm everyone was encouraged to attend because this is being sponsored by the chamber and development authority.

Leadership class met in June with Downtown Development. In July they will study tourism, in August they will study "let's get social", then graduate at first Friday breakfast.

Market on the square continues to do well. Well received by many vendors and buyers.

Deer Festival is moving along, t-shirts on order, date is set for November 4<sup>th</sup>.

With the change made regarding two signatures are required on any check over \$1,000, Tracey pointed out that we should exclude payroll checks. A motion was made by Carol Ann to make a change to our bylaws excluding payroll checks over \$1,000 or greater. The motion was seconded and approved.

Our next meeting date will be Thursday August 10, 2017 at 12:30. As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann McMichael, Secretary