

**Monticello Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting June 11, 2015**

Present: Karen Degges, Linda Simmons, Kathy Mudd, Tracey Nelson, Leah Dumas, Peggy Billerman, Pam Mayer, Skip Davis, Alma Abbott

Absent: Tony Lewis, Stephen Soulen, Mike Newton, Carol Atkinson, Dana Leach, Carol Ann McMichael, Lyndsy Holman

Welcome and Invocation: Kathy Mudd

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Tracey to approve the agenda, seconded by Karen, all approved

Motion to approve May minutes by Tracey, seconded by Linda, all approved

Treasurer's Report: Balances are as follows:

Deer Dash - \$10,144.91

Regular Checking - \$32,970.25

Chamber Bucks/Farmers Market – \$431.27 ... discussion was held concerning the need for this account and it was decided to close this account and move balance into regular operating.

Old Business

- Open House – “Our Community - A Town Hall Meeting” – scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All county departments have been notified and asked to participate by setting up a booth in the Visitors' Center.
- Farmer's Market Update – Money generated is being used to advertise the Market in newspapers, radio station, magazines. We received the City of Monticello appropriation of \$2000. We now have a paid membership in *Georgia Grown* which allows us to freely use the “*Georgia Grown*” theme and put information on their website. Discussion was held on how to increase the participation by vendors.
- Veterans will participate on June 20th with parade, etc.
- Deer Festival Update – There has been very little participation at the committee meetings. Pam would like to incorporate it back into regularly scheduled Board Meeting. July meeting will focus on Deer Festival.
- Tourist Brochure Update – Brochure will be sent to Great Southern Publishing the 3rd week of June. They will design, proof, re-word, etc., and

send it back to us for our approval. Once approved, it will take a week for printing.

New Business

- Recognition of Student Intern – Katelin Villareal has been our intern this year through the High School work program. The Board thanked her for her work this year.
- Summer Intern – Angelica Manning will be working in the Chamber through the Summer Youth Work Experience Program. She will work five days a week from 10:30 to 4:30 and will be with us through the 3rd week of July.
- Board vacancy – now have two positions to fill, Stephen Soulen has been transferred to Jackson. Suggestions: Farm & Garden and possibly a Clergy person.
- Georgia Association Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership Conference – Jekyll Island Club Hotel, the fee is \$250. Motion by Skip to approve attendance for Pam, seconded by Peggy, all were in favor. Pam and husband will take their camper rather than stay in hotel.

Board Comments

- Skip commended Pam on her preparation/planning for the management of the Chamber during her medical leave.

Motion by Skip to go into closed session to discuss personnel, seconded by Peggy, all in favor. Discussion on changing Pam's position to full time since Sage is now working for the Downtown Development Authority. Motion by Skip to come out of closed session, seconded by Karen, all in favor. Motion by Skip to hire Pam as a full-time, salaried employee at \$32,000 per year, seconded by Karen, all in favor.

Motion by Skip to adjourn, seconded by Linda, all in favor.

Submitted June 23, 2015
Linda Simmons, Secretary