

**Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting November 19, 2015**

**Present:** Linda Simmons, Carol Ann McMichael, Peggy Billerman, Rebecca Jacobson, Pam Mayer, Kathy Mudd, Tony Lewis, Tracey Nelson, Tom Joye, Mike Benton, Mike Newton, Towonder Dennis, Leah Dumas

**Absent:** Carol Atkinson, Skip Davis, Jeff Greeson, Dana Leach, Lyndsy Holman

Welcome and Call to Order – Kathy

Invocation – Leah

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Peggy and seconded by Tony to approve November Agenda, motion passed.

Motion by Tracey and seconded by Tom to approve October Minutes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bank of Monticello balance \$36,014.96, Hamilton balance \$14,646.91, Petty Cash \$63.84 ... Motion by Linda and seconded by Leah to approve report, motion passed.

Deer Festival Recap:

- Updated application and fee structure ... increased electricity fee added water fee, added vehicle tag number to help with parking issues.
- Discussion on dedicated parking
- Comments on doing away with a “food court” and spacing out food vendors throughout the square.
- Positive comments on the success of the day

Old Business

- Tourism Brochure has been approved with the State and has been distributed to all Visitors' Centers
- Work will begin on Map Pad first week of December
- Nomination Committee – Officers selected for 2016:
  - Skip Davis, Chair
  - Tony Lewis, Vice Chair
  - Tracey Nelson, Treasurer
  - Leah Dumas, Secretary

- Committee recommended that Tracey Nelson, Towonder Dennis, Leah Dumas and Tom Joye continue in their current Board positions.

Motion by Mike Newton and seconded by Tom Joye to accept Committee recommendations for 2016 Officers and Directors, motion passed.

- Leadership Program – tabled
- Jasper County Entrance Signs – tabled

#### New Business

- 2016 Membership Drive – application has been redesigned as a brochure
- Citizen of the Year – application ready and suggestion for adding Business of the Year to be presented at the Annual Meeting ... motion by Carol Ann and seconded by Tom to award a Business of the Year as well as Citizen of the Year based on citizen recommendations, motion passed.
- FY16 Board Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 12:30 pm
- Annual Meeting will be on January 14, 2016 at Charlie Elliott
- Please Call Me Santa ... discussion – motion by Linda and seconded by Mike Newton to discontinue this as a Chamber event, motion passed
- First Friday Breakfast will be December 4. A speaker and a sponsor for the meal are needed.
- Coffee Call will be held at the Bank of Monticello on December 17.
- Board Retreat will be January 27, 2016, Pat Merritt will be the facilitator.
- Shop local is Saturday December 5. The Chamber will continue to promote the day but no events are planned on behalf of the Chamber

Motion to adjourn by Linda and seconded by Mike, motion passed.