

Minutes
Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
October 12, 2017

Members Present:

Tom Joye	Towonder Dennis
Leah Dumas	Dana Leach
Carol Ann McMichael	Mike Benton
Linda Simmons	Tracey Nelson
Tony Lewis	Russell Hicks
Mandi Tanner	Katie Connon
Lathadra Sands	Mike Newton
Pam Mayer	Jeff Greeson

Members Absent:

Monica Loftin

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 Tracey to accept the agenda, it was seconded by Linda, all approved.

A motion was made by Tom to accept the September minutes, it was seconded by Leah, all approved.

Treasurer Report:

Bank of Monticello - \$32,068.83
Hamilton Bank-----\$16,019.43
Cash-----\$48,088.26

On the Credit Card statement, there were \$390.01 charged for the month.

A motion was made by Linda to accept the Treasurer Report, it was seconded by Dana, all approved.

Business:

A letter of resignation was received from Skip Davis so that he can promote SPLOST.

From the Board of Directors handout, Pam pointed out that we have several members whose terms are expiring in December; Dana, Tony, Monica, and Carol Ann. The nominating committee; Leah, Towanda, and Mike Benton will be meeting with Tony on Monday November 16, 2017 at noon at the chamber to fill Skips slot and make recommendations to fill those positions expiring. The new members will be announced at our annual meeting in January.

Community Development:

Can support SPLOST with no legal ramifications, talk it up cause its no new tax its just a continuation from the last SPLOST.

Event Updates:

Deer Festival-

Pam had a handout outlining the duties needed from each board member.

Bubba Pope to handle entertainment again this year pointing out that we will have bands all day through out the day this year.

Tonys crew to help with getting the stage to the square along with help from Rob Andrews.

Cloggers, Get Ahead House, and Mr. Steel will be available as filler when needed.

Kiwanis is sponsoring the venison cook off again this year. It will continue to be in the Monticello Drugs parking lot. Rusty will be overseeing things. Flyers will be given out to all the vendors promoting the cook off.

500 Raffle tickets were given to each board member to sell and turn in the week before the Deer Festival.

Deer Festival T-shirts and bags will be for sell this year.

Exhibitor Booths for a total of 82 that will be located in the center of the square and in parking spaces around the square.

\$35.00 booth fee was waived on 3 cornerstone members: EMC, Reese Hall, and Harris Farms.

Other attractions include: Yarn weaving, Larmas, Dauset Trails, and goats.

Deer Dash entries off this year, T-shirts will be \$25, there will be a ghost entry this year for those who don't want to run but want a T-shirt

Parade committee is Terry, Cory and Russell, the parade will begin at 3pm, from Methodist Church, floats will be judge with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Queens, the chamber has received a lot of positive comments for taking the pageant back to the way it use to be with less stress for contestants and the pageant committee. Norton Packaging will be giving a \$500 scholarship to this years Queen

Trail Cam will be sponsored by Southern Edge and Monticello News.

The meeting with the Sheriff's Department, the City and the County will be Friday at 2pm at the chamber office.

"Jasper" will be appearing at both high school football games this week.

Haunticello will be Tuesday from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. There will be a costume contest with a \$5.00 DQ gift certificate given to the winners.

Tourism:

24 banners on square need to be replaced. This will be paid for by hotel/motel tax dollars. We have \$7,500.00 allocated this year. Pam to get pricing for 24 banners.

Comments from Board Members.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann McMichael, Secretary