

**Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting September 4, 2014**

Present: Skip Davis, Linda Simmons, Carol Ann McMichael, Karen Degges, Kathy Mudd, Alma Abbott, Peggy Billerman, Angela Spivey, Wes Chester, Sage Edwards, Lyndsy Holman

Absent: Mike Newton, Brandie Deraney, Lori Gray, Robert Ross, Dodie Proctor

Visitors: David Dyer, Pam Mayer, Skip Nowetner, Deborah King

Welcome and call to order: Skip

Invocation: Carol Ann

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve August minutes – tabled

Linda will email monthly minutes to the Chamber, and Director will then email to all board members and post on the website.

Motion to approve September agenda by Linda, seconded by Angela, all approved.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Linda, seconded by Karen, all approved.

Motion to approve amended July Treasurer's Report by Karen and seconded by Angela, all approved.

Business

- Telephone transition – we have a contract with Vonage and have approval to pay the service fee on a monthly basis
- First Friday Breakfast will be September 5 at 8:00 am. Larry Perry is sponsoring the breakfast and George Brewer with DOT will speak on the status of the by-pass.
- Director search – the first meeting will be today after the board meeting.
- Membership Committee – working on getting updated email and mailing lists

Deer Festival

- Carol Ann will follow up with Amanda on liability insurance
- Vendor applications were mailed last week, Lori is to review apps. to ensure that there will not be a lot of duplicates and that same products are not spaced close together.

- Wes will mark the square on Thursday (**needs assistance**). We have advertised 12 x 12 spaces but actual space is smaller. Will post a disclaimer on the webpage and add in the vendor package
- Central GA EMC will loan paint wheels for painting lines. County will provide chalk wheel on Thursday
- Deer Festival meeting scheduled for Thursday, 9/18

Deer Dash – Angela working on t-shirts and sponsors

Deer Pageant – Date is October 26 at the JCHS. Carol Ann has called Amanda regarding insurance. She will meet with Jim Skinner at Norton with regard to sponsoring a scholarship.

Skip Nowetner discussed parade route. Parade will begin at 2:00 pm and last approximately (1) hour. Line up time is 1:00, marchers will be in the front with bands, etc., Horses will follow, Fire Dept./EMS will be last in line. The deadline for applications is October 25. We will have 10-15 volunteer fire fighters for crowd control.

Porta-Potties – Angela

Generators – Wes ... needs the assistance of 2-3 people for running wires, etc.

Sage – Main Street Program – attended the GA Downtown Streets Conference, there is a timeline of things to complete and a contract is required, all in the works. Tourism conference --- Jasper is #2 in the state for agri tourism – discussion on different ideas. She has ideas on “Deer Stand Derby” weekend before Deer Festival. Planning a tailgate supper and pep rally on the square for Homecoming.

Public Comments

Deborah King – Invitation for all to attend “Putting on the Ritz” on Saturday, October 25, at Turtle Cove ... looking for sponsors

David Dyer – Strategic Plan, Downtown Development Authority, Norton Packaging now in operation 24/7, rail car site will enable expansion of the plant.

Motion to adjourn Skip, seconded Karen, all in favor.

