

August 15, 2016 Member Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Cheri Hirst, Marsha McCubbins, Allan Underdal, Deb Brandon, Cindy Combs, Sanna Clark, Ashley Kolve and Mike O'Brien

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- This is the 2nd council meeting of the month. The City Council meeting begins at 7:30pm at City Hall. A special meeting to take additional input on the storm water project will be Monday, August 22nd at 7:30pm at City Council.
- The Office of Community Development has received good responses on the Rental Property List. If you are interested in seeing the list of available rentals in Shelby or have property to rent, please contact Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net.
- Lorette gave a presentation on the City's infrastructure mapping project to the Montana State Library Commission last week. They were very pleased with the value of this project for our community and hope to replicate this process in other Montana cities.
- Work continues on the Data Center Feasibility study.
- Work begins on the Shelby School District #14 Safe Routes to School Program. We will continue Walk n' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays walking programs beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7th and Friday, Sept. 9th. If a parent, grandparent or guardian would like to walk with the kids on a Friday in September or October, please contact Lorette at shbcdc@3rivers.net.
- The Chamber/TBID Social Media Committee will be meeting Thursday, August 18th at 8:00am at the Comfort Inn. We encourage everyone to submit their summer pictures to Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net or Marsha McCubbins at marshamccubbins@gmail.com. Sarah Brown was the June winner for her submission of her girls enjoying archery in Williamson Park.
- The Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District will meet Thursday morning at 10:00am at the Best Western Shelby Inns & Suites.

Toole County

- Work continues on the budget. The County is being affected by the drop in oil and gas revenue in the amount of \$131,000 and also protested taxes.
- Many of the increases in property taxes are unfunded mandates by Federal and State governments.
- At last week's Hospital board Meeting, Jessica Brusven was made the permanent CEO of Marias Medical Center.
- A Professional Service Contract with the Clinic was passed. A maintenance contract was also passed with Johnson Contract in regards to computer equipment.
- Several roads in the Sweetgrass Hills area were damaged by last week's rainstorms.
- Mowing and other road work continues.
- There was a fatality on the county road in the Ledger area last week.
- An architect has drawn up some plans for a replacement for the fire escape at the Court House.
- A substitute cook has been hired at the Sunburst Senior Center.

- Charles Santoro was found guilty of homicide of Jeremiah Rowell in Sunburst on August 2013 at The Toole County Court House last week.

Marias Medical Center

- Approximately \$1000 was raised at the Marias Heritage Center.
- An upgrade is being done on the website.
- There are job openings for a cook and controller.
- The Toole County Health Foundation Golf Tournament is August 27th.

Merchants Association

- The Crazy Dazes Sale seemed to be successful.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tuesdays Under the Stars- This week's event on August 16 features Rhonda Grainger who will be joined by Sally & Whitney Aschim. The chamber will be serving free lemonade. This is the last week for the event.

August Chamber After Hours at the Shelby RV Park & Resort last Wednesday, August 10 was moved into the conference room at the Comfort Inn due to the weather but it didn't dampen the fun. Barbequed hamburgers, hot dogs, several salads, ice cream treats a large selection of beverages were enjoyed by the 100+ attendees. A Shelby Coyote booster chair, a Montana Goldsmith's necklace, a fishing pole and several gas cards were the door prizes.

North Toole County Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 from 5-7 pm at Spark Park in Sunburst. The menu includes barbequed hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, salads, homemade sugar cookies and an assortment of soda and bottled water.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifestyle Magazine: The last two editions of Lifestyle magazine features articles written by JB Chandler. The articles are titled "The Legends of the Sweetgrass Hills" and "Marias river State Park." There are several complimentary copies at the Shelby Visitor Information Center.

Business of the Week: Coyote Club and Event Center offers 36 microbrews on draft, some bottles and cans as well as full service bar. Food items include chicken & pork sliders; beef, chicken, and pork tacos and other food items. Karaoke is on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. Event center upstairs is great for weddings, birthdays, funerals, receptions etc.

Kudos of the Week:

Cheri thanked Doug Fender for barbequing for Chamber After Hours at the Shelby RV Park and Resort last Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:

Trails West RV Park- 20% off of 1 night

**Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Prairie Peddler,
Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**