

Dec. 19, 2016 Member Meeting Minutes  
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Doug Fender, Cheri Hirst, Crissy Bauman, Marsha McCubbins, Ashley Kolve, Lorette Carter, Mike O'Brien and Cindy Combs

**REPORTS:**

**City of Shelby**

- The EDA grant application for utility extension east has been submitted. The EDA review panel generally takes approximately 60 days to complete the review and make a decision.
- We should know in February if we will be funded for purchase and installation of an interactive kiosk at Champions Park through the HiLine Arts Trail art installation grant program.
- Work is nearly completed on the Data Center Feasibility Study.
- The January campaign for the Social Media Committee is *Cheers to another year! What's your resolution?*
- Work continues on the "It's Home" campaign on Facebook. To date we have posted 28 narratives in recognition of our local businesses and thanking merchants for doing business in Shelby.
- I continue to post a weekly rental list for our community. The list is revised weekly and sent to NaturEner, CCA, Marias Medical Center, Border Services, Shelby Schools and the Shelby Area Chamber for distribution to new employees and new residents to Shelby.
- I have not received word on the request to the Montana Department of Transportation for two historical markers for Champions Park.
- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive continues to seek contributions. The Fund Drive Committee hopes everyone will give generously to these very worthwhile organizations.
- The Christmas Village viewing has been extended to include December 23 and 24th. We are very grateful to Marsha McCubbins and Wilma Steiner for agreeing to work these evenings to allow residents with families coming in to enjoy the village. The Christmas Village participants included: CCA; Leavitt Group; Shelby Glass & Door; Blazing Saddles 4-H club; First Baptist Church; Edward Jones; Kiwanis Club; LDS Church; Marias River Electric; Marias Medical Center; Marias Vet Clinic; Shelby Gas Association; Toole County Conservation District; Toole County Sheriff's Department. Special thanks to the Methodist Church for the live nativity scene the first evening.
- The Montana Department of Transportation has announced the grant opening for Transportation Alternative Program for 2017-2018. This funding source was what financed Main Street sidewalk improvements this fall. Grant submission deadline is March 31, 2017.
- The 2017 Arbor Day grant application is open. The maximum award for Tree Cities is \$750.00 to be used for the purchase of trees only.
- We did receive word that Shelby has been selected as the 2017 Montana Tree City of the Year. We will have a large celebration for Arbor Day with the Governor possibly

attending. The award funds will be used for trees at Champions Park. A formal announcement will be forthcoming from DNRC.

- A special thank you to the Shelby Merchant Association and Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce for all the great events and activities this holiday season.

### **Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center**

- Julia Drishinski is back at the facility as Risk Management & Safety Director.
- Dr. Curtis will be working in the emergency room at the hospital over the Christmas holiday and will be at the hospital fulltime after Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. He is a family practice MD with OB and will do chemo ports.
- Karen Jensen's last day as the Utilization Review- Cardio Rehab Director. That position is now open.
- Nuclear Med Tech, Jim Carter is retiring on Dec. 22.
- Director of Radiology, Tom Carter is retiring in Feb.
- A new Director of Nursing will start on Dec. 29.

### **CCA**

- A new academy class will start on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Merchants Association**

- Shelby had a wealth of shopping opportunities/ activities every weekend since thanksgiving due to the hard work of the organization.
- About 40 to 50 people attended the movie White Christmas on Sunday. An intermission was held with giveaways awarded to some of the attendees.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Village** will be open for viewing on Dec. 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm. Thanks to Marsha McCubbins and Wilma Steiner for volunteering to man the event those evenings.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**No Member Meeting Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 2** due to the holidays.

**Office Closed Dec. 23-28** so Audie can take a holiday break.

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Open House for Commissioner Allan Underdal** on Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 2 to 4 pm at the Toole County Courthouse. **See flyer on Attachment**

**January Meeting Locations-** The Monday Member Meetings will be at noon at El Tanampa. The Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting will be at the Country Skillet.

**January Chamber After Hours** will be co-hosted by TD & H Engineering and KW Insurance on Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 5:30 to 7pm. More information will be released next week.

**2017 Chamber Banquet** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Shelby Civic Center. More information will be forthcoming after the holidays.

**Business of the Week:** Leaving nothing you value to chance is more than a tagline for **Leavitt Great West Insurance Services**. With 11 offices in Montana, we are committed to serving our neighbors and those in surrounding communities. Leavitt Great West Insurance provides insurance for businesses, organizations and individuals – auto, home, life, farm & ranch, health, commercial, workers comp and bonds. Whether you have questions or just want to discuss your options, our team of experienced professionals is eager to help. Call 434-5201 to speak to Travis, Wilma, Leorra or Eve.

**Kudos of the Week**

- CCA for braving the frigid weather on Friday and Saturday to man the Christmas Village.
- Thanks to Commissioner Allan Underdal for his 24 years of dedication to our community and Toole County.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

**Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:**  
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