

July 24, 2017 Member Meeting Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce serves to promote a positive business environment as a voice and resource in partnership with business, education, agriculture, civic and community organizations throughout Shelby and Toole County.

Members present: Doug Fender, Cheri Hirst, Deb Brandon, Lorette Carter, Joan Kronebusch, Brent Madrid, Elliott Crump and Mike O'Brien

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The Office of Community Development has received word from the Hi Line Arts Trail Project on funding for an interactive kiosk for Champions Park.
- The Office of Community Development is also assisting the Carousel committee in seeking grant funding. Applications for assistance have been sent to 3Rivers Communication; Town Pump Charitable Foundation; and BSNF Charitable Giving.
- The Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District has approved assistance for Shelby's Dead Run coming up August 12th. All proceeds will go to the infusion center at Marias Medical Center.
- The TBID has also approved assistance to the Marias Valley Archery Club for this winter archery shoot which brings many shooters to Shelby in January.
- There was a good turnout for the first Music at the Market. Seventy people were in attendance for Dave Alvestad and Gwen Heaton. This week's music will feature Sally and Whitney Aschim performing Thursday at 7 pm in City Park following the Farmer's Market which runs 4-7pm.
- The first Shelby Volunteer Citizen Corp work night will be Thursday August 3rd from 5:30 to 7 pm. The group will meet at Albertson's Park. We welcome young and old. Please bring work gloves, clippers, shrub trimmers and weed eaters.

Toole County

- 4 County Marias Fair fun is over for another year. The Commissioner's expressed their appreciation for the hard work by the ground crew, board members and many volunteers involved in the 4 day event.
- In addition to the Marias Fair fun, Commissioner Brandon also attended Aid Montana, a community listening session, regarding the opioid epidemic in Montana. The meeting was held in Havre on Friday with approximately 80 persons in attendance.
- Toole County Health Foundation meets tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8:00 a.m. in the Marias Medical Center's board room.
- Marias Medical Center's monthly board meeting will be tomorrow (Tues.) starting at 10:00 a.m. – also in the board room of the hospital.
- Friends and Family Picnic at the Heritage at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday – hamburger/hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share.
- Bid opening for a used grader will be tomorrow at 1:30.
- There will be a Public Hearing on Toole County's 2017-18 preliminary budget on Thursday, July 27 in the Commissioners' office beginning at 10:00 a.m.

School District #14

- The Elementary School's gym floor has been refinished.

- Many minor projects are being delayed due to the lack of funding and the district is struggling to keep up with the progress that has been made over the last three years.
- The district is still hoping to work with CoreCivic on some painting projects.
- Schedule for August:
 - August 9-10- Coyote Days
 - Tuesday, August 8- Board Meeting- Public hearing on the 2017-18 budget, handbook review and approval.
 - Friday, August 11- First day of athletic practice
 - Friday, August 18- New teacher training
 - Mon & Tues, August 21-22- Teacher training
 - Wednesday, August 23- 1st day of school
 - Wednesday, August 30- Tentative date for Open House

CoreCivic Safety

- Four new permanent staff members have transferred from Texas.

Merchants Association

- The next meeting is Tuesday, August 8 at The Griddle at 8 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marias Fair Parade Results: Business Category: 1st Place- Marias Medical Center, Honorable Mention- 1st State Bank; **Automobile:** 1st Place- 1936 turquoise Chevy Coupe owned by Ken Christopherson, Honorable Mention- 1938 bronze Plymouth 2 door sedan also owned by Ken Christopherson; **Clubs:** 1st Place- Tri County Shrine Club, Honorable Mention- The Coopertown Clown & Motley Crew (dogs); **Family:** 1st Place- Harry Benjamin's Ferris Wheel, Honorable Mention: Marsha McCubbins with horse cleanup duty; **Agriculture:** Torgersons

2017 Street Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 from 10 am to 3 pm with a Car Show, Art Walk, dunking booth, food and craft vendors. Kid's games include a fishing booth and several bean bag games, chalk art, bubble wands, football and basketball tosses. **(The vendor application is on attachment)**

NEW BUSINESS:

National Night Out: Gateway Recovery Services and local committee members have scheduled National Night Out for Tuesday, August 1st in Aronow Park. There will be food, music, games, a child seat safety inspection, and informational tables from area law enforcement agencies and community organizations.

Kudos of the Week

Deb Brandon thanked Lorette Carter for writing a Vision Zero Grant from the Montana Department of Transportation.

Open Forum:

The Shelby Volunteer Fire Department has declared there is not to be any open burning, covered fires or enclosed screen fires in Toole County due to the extreme dry conditions.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

Taylor's True Value- 10% off any regular priced item (2 uses)

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