

**October 30, 2017 Annual 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, Nea Rice, Colleen Lee, Brent Madrid and Rebecca Austin

**REPORTS:**

**CoreCivic Safety**

- Three Correctional Officers started the academy. Two are return employees.
- Saturday's free tailgate barbeque was well attended.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2018 Chamber After Hours Openings-** The only dates spoken for in 2018 for Chamber After Hours is Oct at Marias River Electric in October and the Comfort Inn for December. If any business is interested in hosting this event at their business please call or email the Chamber office. This event is very popular within the Shelby community. Minimum attendance is about 25 to 35 and is a great way to let the community know about your business for a minimum of cost.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Hinrichs Trading Company-** The public is invited to the ceremony on Wednesday, November 1 at 12:15. Hinrichs Trading LLC specializes in purchasing, processing, distributing and exporting agricultural products throughout the United States and worldwide. They will construct a processing facility that could ultimately employ as many as 10 people in Shelby. Confirmed speakers include Ben Thomas, Director of the Montana Dept. of Agriculture; Ken Fichtler, Director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Pat Hinrichs, owner of Hinrichs Trading Company. The ceremony will be at 733 East Front Street in Shelby.

**November Meeting Location** are El Tanampa for the Monday Member Meetings and Ten Pin Alley for the November 7th Board Meeting.

**President's Report** to be sent later.

**Executive Director's Report-** (on attachment)

**Annual Financial Report:** The Chamber ended the fiscal year on a positive note. It is the first year since 2011 that funds did not need to be transferred from savings to cover expenses until dues monies were generated in November. (Chamber Members can request a copy from the Chamber office.)

**Welcome New Board Members-** New Board Members are Brent Madrid from CoreCivic and Rebecca Austin from US Bank. There is still one Board Member opening.

**2018 Chamber Dues-** 2018 Chamber membership letters will be sent out this week.

**Open Forum:**

Town Pump's annual fundraiser for the local food bank kicked off October 1. Each year Town Pump Corporation matches all the donations for the fundraising efforts for the Sagebrush Food Pantry. All the funds raised stay in the area. The Shelby Comfort Inn front desk staff asks each incoming customer if they would like to make a donation. Currently the Shelby Comfort Inn is in third place of the 14 motels. In 2016 the Sagebrush Food Pantry in Shelby received \$6500 from this campaign.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.