

**January 9, 2018 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: Nea Rice, Cheri Hirst, Lorette Carter, Brent Madrid, Chrissy Bauman, Deb Brandon, Jennifer Van Heel, Ashley Kolve, Cindy Combs, Sanna Clark, and Mike Mills, 3Rivers.

**REPORTS:**

**City of Shelby**

- Mayor Gary McDermott and Councilman Luke Casey were sworn in at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting. New councilmen, Trent Tustian and Justin Aikins will be sworn in at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- CDBG-EDA Humic Growth Solutions water extension: We are waiting on EDA to approve the start-up documentation for the project.
- FRA: KLJ is coordinating a conference call to move forward on the project with BNSF/Amtrak, MDT, city and the funding agency.
- The Montana Accessible Playground Grant application has been sent. The application is for an ADA accessible play structure at the Shelby Splash Park.
- I am currently working on the Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Recreational Trail grant for trail maintenance equipment and development of a picnic area along the Roadrunner Recreation Trail. Letters of support are welcome. Please send them to Lorette Carter at [shbcdc@3rivers.net](mailto:shbcdc@3rivers.net).
- The Shelby Volunteer Fire Department is working on potential funding opportunities with Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
- I have submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation for recognition of Shelby as a Tree City USA for 17 years and to the Montana DNRC for Arbor Day funding for additional trees for the Lake Sheloole Campground.
- We are still waiting on the Department of Commerce Planning Division which we applied for matching funding for the research and submission of our Main Street business corridor to the National Historic Register. We did receive Montana Main Street Program planning funding.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> session of Leadership Toole County has been moved to January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The areas of discussion will include financial, transportation, energy and agriculture.
- I continue work with Toole County on the Crime Victim Advocacy Program, completing progress and financial reporting.
- The Social Media Committee focus for January is the Toole County Combined Fund Drive; the Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter; and Trip Advisor amenities within the community.

- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive is in full swing and we hope the community will give generously to the 23 worthwhile organizations.

**Toole County – NA**

**School District #14 – NA**

**Marias Med Center/Heritage Center**

- Dues are due for the Axillary.
- Lunch & Learn event on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at noon in the MMC Conference Room; Basics of Alzheimer's disease – Free just bring your lunch!
- Toole County has a New Baby, but not announced yet.
- Cedar Closet had top numbers in December.
- New CMS requirements – Table Top
- No children can visit at the Hospital due to safety & flu.

**CoreCivic Safety**

- New Warden in place.
- New outside work crew.
- Employees are here and more coming TDY from Mississippi.

**Merchants Association**

- Tuesday, January 16, 2018 a.m. is next meeting.
- Working on a Spring Fundraiser

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **January Chamber After Hours** – Leavitt Insurance will be hosting the January ACH on the January 30, 2018

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Audie Bancroft Resigned** – Job Description has been sent to the Cut bank Job Service, Promoter, and posted on Facebook/web page.

- **Toole County Conservation District** - Announced its 2017 Conservationist of the Year, Miles Henke.
- Loretta told the group that we should have a representative from a Agricultural Company or a Ag Producer, to sit on the board.

**January Meeting Locations-** The January 2 Board Meeting will be at The Griddle. The Member Meetings on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 will be at The Country Skillet.

**Kudos of the Week**

Cheri & Ashley, gave KUDOS to the group of individuals that organized the benefit event for Jamie Riel.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Nea Rice.

**Featured Coupon from the new 2017-2018 Chamber Bonus Book:**

**Larson Clothing 20% Discount once each month on any one regular priced item**

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