

General Meeting Minutes

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Attendance

• Natasha Eagan, Tara Jones, Alexis O'Hair, Diane Boaldin, Lexi Gibson, Micah Nave, Ethan Harder, Becky Ellis, Lisa Swenson, Robin Shelton, Terrell Giddens, Marla houtz,, Laura Martin, Nancy Brewer, Tim Hardy, Angela Abney

Meeting Commencement

- Meeting called to order at 12:08.
- Alexis doesn't have a voice.

4th of July Events

- Flyers, maps, and schedules are updated on the hub and website.
- Parade line up: Kiddie Parade at 9:15 AM, regular parade at 9:30 AM. •

Motion to approve previous minutes made by Laura Martin, seconded by Becky Ellis.

Treasurer's Report

- Ending balance at the end of June: \$16,083.33.

Behind the Scenes

- Working to recruit new businesses to the county.
 - Brainstorming ways to attract new businesses.
 - Creating a commercial/booklet highlighting the advantages of the county. •

Taking grant writing classes.

- Board members attending a three-day conference.

Tracy Mann Office

- Representative Mann staff wants to attend chamber meetings and red ribbon cuttings. • "She was here for anything that we needed."

Coalition Concert

- The Chamber will be helping with the coalition's concert.

Upcoming Events

- The Chamber will have a booth at the fair.
 - Backseat driving and shirt sales.
- No chamber luncheon meetings in August or September.
 - Hub and training will continue.
- Mica gave business cards to Tasha, Robin, and Lisa.
- Community health workers are becoming very needed, especially in small communities.
 - The job involves a wide variety of tasks, from helping people in jail to assisting the homeless and getting people to doctor's appointments.
- Mica is trying to spread the word and get projects officially out in the community.
 - He encourages people to send individuals who might be struggling and need assistance his way.

Tim's Hardy City Report

- Playground equipment: Cunningham Park is done and ready for the Fourth of July. • All the old equipment has been removed, and new equipment has been installed. • A timeline for pickleball ports is in place.
- Chip seal: The north side of town was chip sealed yesterday as part of a seven-year rotation.
 - This frees up the summer for focusing on park equipment.
- Park equipment: A large, multiple-person swing will be installed at the pool park.
 - The playground equipment at the libraries will be rotated out, likely completed by

August or September.

- Bathrooms: Matt and Tim received a \$348,000 grant to redo the road between the elementary school and the Methodist church.
 - The road will be all concrete to help with drainage issues, as the school drains to the north and the area gets very cold.
- Adult swim: Tim is considering changing adult swim from Tuesdays to Mondays from 6 to 7 PM.
 - He is seeking opinions on whether Mondays would work better, especially considering many people golf on Tuesdays.
 - There are about 10 people who take water on Tuesday nights at the high school, and he hopes to attract more participants by changing the day.

Lexi Gibson for TBK

- Promotions: From now until September, there are promotions for referring someone to open an account.
 - The referrer gets \$75, and the new account holder also gets \$75 to put into their account.
- AIM checking account: Opening and using an AIM checking account offers several rebates.
 - Customers can earn up to \$500 by doing different things to qualify for the money.
- Handouts with information are available and should be on the website. •

Hot dog speed will be there on Friday night.

- The civic center is fully booked for booths' at fair.
- Booths may be available outside around the fairgrounds.

Laura Martin Sew Loved

- Shop hop went well with lots of people attending.
- Another shop hop called "Wow Way out West" is scheduled for a week in October with seven quilt shops in the West.
- Retreat space is booked through mid-August through Thanksgiving, with one booking between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Construction on the front is in progress but slower than expected due to supply runs.

Becky Ellis Museum Events

- Family movie night outside at the barn on Saturday, July 5th.
- The movie will be shown on the white door.
- Concession stand with popcorn donated by the movie theater.
- Snow cones may attend.

Nancy Brewer Grasslands

- Fishing Derby was successful with close to 100 anglers.
- Appreciates the donations from businesses.
- Getting ready for the Fourth of July.
- Campground is being mowed in preparation for the weekend.
- No fireworks are allowed on the grassland.

Terrel Giddens Hillcrest Baptist

- Hillcrest will be doing sports PBS, Monday through Thursday, one in the morning at Rolla and then in Elkhart in afternoons at Hillcrest..
- Jason's great concert is coming up Wednesday night at the fair.

Lisa Swenson Hospital

- Robin Shelton, a family practice nurse practitioner, has been at Horton County for a little over two years.
 - Lisa encourages people to schedule their annual wellness visit or Medicare annual wellness visit and ask for Robin.
- Construction is happening on the back side of the hospital due to a grant received in late 2022 or early 2023.
 - The construction will allow ambulances quicker access to the ER.
 - The project should be finished close to the end of the week.
- Lisa needs to send information about the health fair to be put on the hub. •
 - Health fairs will run the same week as the county fair.
- Reminder for kids needing sports or camp physicals to schedule an appointment. •

Appointments are available Monday through Friday. \$20

Hub Information

- The Hub will be done tomorrow morning instead of Friday due to the holiday.
- Tim mentioned that fireworks will be at the same place as last year when it's dark.
- No fireworks are allowed in the D parking lot this year.

Fourth of July Preparations

- 18 flags were hung on Main Street.
- The crew cleaned wall belts and gutters and will sweep the streets tomorrow morning around 4:30 AM.
- Extra hours are being put in with park equipment for the Fourth of July.

Guard staffing for the Fourth of July is almost complete.

- There are four kids doing noon to 2:30 and then 2:30 to 5 so that they can still work booths at the park.
 - Two of them are selling fireworks.
 - Tara - The coalition is working on a fundraiser for September 27th.
 - Jordan Mitchell, Drake McCain, and Radley Hearn will be performing.
- It's a mental health benefit concert.
- They are trying to get some grants for it, hoping it can be a yearly fundraiser.

Alexis - Eco Devo

- Alexis has been working with the child care coalition in the northeast part of the state.

They are having a free event on July 14th to announce their grant.

- She's trying to get an advertisement out in the hub.
- Businesses, employers, teachers, parents, and childcare providers are invited.
- They're going to do a free feed in the park and introduce the coalition and talk about the grant.

Other Business

- After taking vets to the parade on Friday morning, someone will have some time if anything comes up.
- **Laura made a motion to adjourn, Terrell seconded it.**
- Meeting adjourned at 12:30.