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Jasper Economic Development Incorporated JEDI

Tuesday September 6, 2016 1:15 PM

Special Tour Location

Champion Fitness

607 W Jourdan St

Newton, IL 62448

Attending: Scott Bierman, Ron Heltsley, Joe Bierman, Mark Bolander, Brett Lessley, Tom Brown, Louis Ochs, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Mindy Hartke, and Ken Larimore.

1. Call to order: Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. **Tour of new Champion Fitness Facility**



<http://champfit.com>

Marie Headlee

Referral Development Coordinator

CF Physical Therapy

607 W Jourdan St

Newton, IL 62448

Marie Headlee and Dr. Kelly Thomann gave us a great tour of the Newton Champion Fitness center.

They provide a much needed service to the community. They save a lot of people a lot of time and travel costs so they can stay closer to home for high quality therapy. We learned a lot about their programs and we recommend you visit them to find out what is available.

3. **JEDI Update-Ken Larimore, University of Illinois Extension** At this point we are still waiting on the state for approval of a new Enterprise Zone designation. There are several potential business developments but none ready for a formal announcement. The Jasper CEO class is underway and it looks like a great class this year. The number of students increases each year.
4. **Newton Update-Mayor Mark Bolander** Mark update on the final steps of the downtown streetscape project and the ITEP application for a river walk trail.
5. **County Update-Joe Bierman** The new roof on the courthouse should be finished soon after several surprises. The board is working on the annual budget and numerous road projects.
6. **Unit 1 School Update Superintendent Andy Johnson** discussed some recent projects and work on the annual budget.
7. Other comments Mark Bolander would like to form a committee to discuss the possibility of securing additional personnel to assist in the economic development activities.
8. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Mark Bolander, and motion passed.

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