



## Minutes

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

**Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.**

**Jasper County Chamber Office**

**Peoples State Bank Room**

124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

**Attending:** Louis Ochs, Tom Brown, Larry Brooks, Dough Weddell, Jason Warfel, Ron Heltsley, Scott Bierman, Amber Volk, Ken Larimore, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Mindy Hartke, Natalie Hopson, Mark Bolander.

1. Call to order, JEDI Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Andy Johnson, second by Mark Bolander, motion passed.
3. **Introduction of Amber Volk, Economic Development Coordinator:** introduced herself and please let her know if anyone has been left out of the JEDI emails.
4. **Community Marketing Program:** Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am. It will take place in the Peoples State Bank Room at the Jasper County Chamber Office.
5. Monthly Updates
  - a. **Ken Larimore:**
    - i. Five Enterprise Zones completed for the Medical Complex.
  - b. **Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton:**
    - i. The Medical Complex will have extended hours.
    - ii. Community Marketing Program will meet on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am to discuss new logo for Jasper County.
  - c. **Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board:**
    - i. Real Estate taxes are currently being collected.
    - ii. The new jail design has been agreed and approved on but there is still a lot of work to be done before implementation can begin.



**d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools:**

- i. Open houses for the Eagle Vision will be September 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to take a tour of the High School/Jr. High and the Grade School. Please allow 45 mins to 1 hour of your time. This will be an investment for our children. For more information, visit their Facebook page “Eagle Vision – Jasper County Schools”.
- ii. Phenomenal turn out for the High School Football games.

**e. Natalie Hopson, Chamber Executive Director:**

- i. The Fall Festival will be from this Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Many events are planned and praying the rain will hold off. More information can be found on their Facebook page “Jasper County Chamber of Commerce”.

**f. Doug Weddell:**

- i. There was a total of 480 in attendance of the Montgomery Gentry concert which was put on by Johnny and June’s. Besides the rain, everything went smoothly and it turned out to be an amazing concert. 60% of tickets sold were outside of Jasper County. Cobblestone Hotel & Suites was fully booked due to the concert.
- ii. Dustin Smith, owner of Johnny and June’s, would like to attend the October JEDI meeting to speak about the concert and potential future events.

Motion to close meeting made by Andy Johnson second by Mark Bolander and motion passed.