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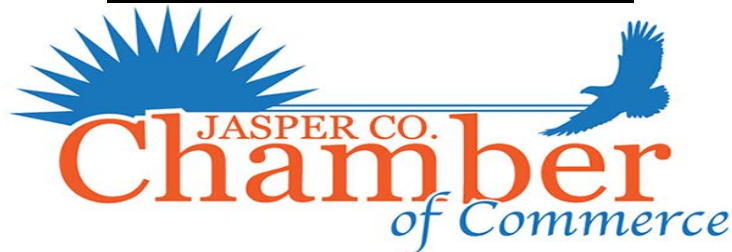


MINUTES

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office
Peoples State Bank Room



124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending: Scott Bierman, Ron Heltsley, Mark Bolander, Anna Hemrich, Larry Brooks, Andy Johnson, Beth Probst, Jason Warfel, Doug Weddell, Ryan Millsap, Natalie Hopson, Pete Pasero, Mindy Hartke, Kris Newton, Katie Turkal and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
4. **Guest speaker- Unable to attend.**
Heather Johnson, King's Graphix, new occupant in Jasper Business Incubator
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator- Updates on TIF, Enterprise Zone activities as it has been a busy year with Tractor Supply and Marilyn's construction. Information on funding sources from state agency conference. Thank you to Beth Probst that announced Evan Fox and Anna Hemrich will be the student JEDI board members and we look forward to their input.

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- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton- Updated on various infrastructure improvements and economic activities.
 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman- Updated on Real estate taxes, budget, audit, Safety grant and ATV permit.
 - d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools- Updated on Senate Bill 1 but they are still calculating formula, tax credit, busing investment/costs, and possibly having the next JEDI meeting at the school.
6. Comments from those attending the meeting.

7. Tour: We toured the Crooked Creek-Antler Art and the Perfect Paws and Claws stores.

Eric Carr gave us a tour of the Crooked Creek Antler Art shop and Perfect Paws and Claws store. His wife Carrie was teaching and unable show the Perfect Paws store she manages. The Carrs are a real success story for Jasper county. Eric shared the history of making the big move from Hidalgo to Newton and the opportunities he was able to pursue. The dog chews is the best example with enormous sales in elk, deer, and moose antlers to many national dealers. The antler art is another great venture with sales in California, Taiwan and England. Please open links below for much more information and think of ways you can support a homegrown local business. The Carr's are big participants in the community with children active in many school activities.

<http://www.crookedcreekantlerart.com>

<http://www.perfectpawsandclaws.com>

8. Motion to close meeting made by Beth Probst, second by Jason Warfel, and motion passed.