Regular Board Meeting Minutes
OTC Board Room
12:00

December 15,2025 | 12:00 | OTC Board Room

Call to Order: 12:00PM by Kester Dingus, Executive Director

Attendees: Kester Dingus, Wanda Crawford, Terri McClung, Lisa Sponaugle, Toni O'Brien, Patsy Snead, Gary Whitmer, Christine Hodges, Lisa Akers, Lisa Worley and CW Smith

Absent: Susan Crowder, Jonathan Calloway, Afton Griffin, Jaime Hale, Josh Taylor and Tyler Sizemore

Guests: None

Consent Agenda Items: All In favor: yes
Not in favor: none
Items pulled from consent agenda for discussion: Kester noted we have not applied for the $75,000. At this time. Application will be submitted when the grant opens.
A motion was made by Lisa Worley to make this correction to the minutes. Second by: Patsy Snead

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented with the above correction by Lisa Sponaugle. Second by: Lisa Akers

Partner/Ex-Offico Updates

- Small Business Coordinator- No update
- Chamber
  12/18 Final Cash Mob/Mountain Field Market
  12/19 Ribbon cutting 4:30 Family Treet`s
  1/13 VA250 meeting Chamber office 1PM
  1/27 Lunch & Learn Smartphone Photography & Videography for small business promotion
- AHEDC No Update
- Mayor– No Update
- 4-H Extension/Farmers Market-
  Committee met and starting planning for 2026
  Opening beginning of May with the first Tuesday offering veggie and plant starts
  Fresh Education Sessions for kids - Saturdays May - September
  Flower Festival late June
  Vendors will offer Lunch and Learn series at the market.
  Starting Veggie Thursday in August
  Tomato Festival - August
  Hours to be extended for these 2 events with Music and Food Trucks
  October will bring fall sessions

Holiday Market starting in November
Will work with Boys Home the first Saturday in December for the Christmas parade

Additional Concerns:

- Kester noted he had ordered 5 additional trophies to cover the 3 way tie and the Religious entries..
- The bank is having the locks to OTC changed today.
- OTC has received $2,000. Grant from Peoples Bank.
- We have applied for $14,250. Grant from T-Mobile to be used for an ADA walkway at Collins Park, this grant closes at the end of December.
- American Express Shop Small Business grant for $20,000. Closes on January 16th.
- The 2026 Levitte Corp. Musical Event Grant has to be a free event to the public. Will check for more information on this.
- ABC license and event permit have been secured for the New Year's event, City will block off area for the event, Food Trucks will feature a variety of different foods, including Cousins Maine Lobster, Love All BBQ and Food Connoisseurs out of Fairfield,Va. CW Smith will help with ice and we need volunteers to sell beer and man the entry gates. Email will go out next week for volunteers.
- Next OTC meeting January 7th from 10 to 12 - this is a call work meeting and lunch will be provided. OTC Board Room

Next OTC meeting January 26, 12 Noon - OTC Board Room,

Motion to adjourn at 12:55 PM made by : Lisa Worley **Second by:** Lisa Sponaule

All in Favor? yes