

COMMITTEE OF 100 MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2020

Meeting called to order: The January 9, 2020 meeting of the Committee of 100 was called to order by President John Evans at The Venue at Lenoir City. Lunch was provided by KFC of Lenoir City.

Invocation: Matthew Coleman gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Finnegan.

There were 100 members and guest standing. Several prospective members/guests introduced themselves.

MINUTES APPROVED: Brad Chancey made a motion to approve the minutes; and a second motion was passed by Mike Campbell.

TREASURERS REPORT: Presented by Matt Hurst. Year to date Summary Balance \$16,627.16. Deposits: (Dues) \$440.00 Expenses: (Lunch) \$699.25. Bridge Project Balance: \$1725.06, No deposits or expenses. Grand Total: \$18,092.97. A motion was made by Mike Campbell to accept the report and a second was made by Steve Harrelson. Motion was passed.

Community Updated and Announcements:

- The Venue – Alison Sousa, announced the New Year's Eve celebration had 270 people in attendance. Annual Community Open House is happening in conjunction with the Chamber's Business After Hours on Tuesday, March 10th. 2019 Jan-Dec calendar statics include average event size 179 people, average revenue \$3103, total calendar revenue \$456,242, total 2020 revenue already booked \$392,959. Beginning a venture with Lenoir City Hampton and Fairfield properties to track impact on local hotel rooms via booking code for special rate discounts related directly to The Venue.
- Loudon County – Buddy Bradshaw, announced weeks away from occupying the jail. The jail will have triple the bed space of the current jail. The courthouse phase two has started. On June 20 at 2pm, the time capsule will open on the courthouse lawn. There is a marker for the time capsule on the courthouse lawn.
- Lenoir City – Tony Aikens, announced downtown renovations are complete minus a few minor details. Lenoir City schools want to refinance bonds to save over a million dollars. HWY 321 and HWY 11 intersection will be done early

summer 2020. Distillery renovations will begin at the end of February. The new Fire Hall will be complete in March.

- Loudon County Chamber of Commerce – Rodney Grugin, announced tomorrow at noon Big Cheese will be having a ribbon cutting. Tuesday, January 14th is the Business After Hours at the Loudon County Visitor Bureau. Creative Dimensions will be hosting. Wednesday, January 15, a DIY on marketing will be presented by Epic 9. The Loudon County Business Expo will be February 28 at The Venue. Vendor booths are \$125.
- Tellico Village Governmental Affairs Committee Chair – Susan Kirk, announced the calendar of events is available on TellicoLife.org. There are over 100 businesses in Tellico Village available to the public. The Wellness Center roof repair will be completed in the spring. On Thursdays, the County Clerk services are available at Lake Side Reality.

Special Feature:

Denis Rowe – Priority Ambulance

Priority Ambulance started in Knox County in 2014. Their corporate headquarters are on Cogdill Road in Knoxville. They are the only ambulance company headquartered in Tennessee. Loudon County hosts their oldest operation base. They have been in Loudon County since 2015. They now cover ten (10) states. When they look at purchasing an ambulance company, they keep the company's name and their people because the community where said company is located knows that company's name and the people know the community.

Priority Ambulance company likes to keep roots tied to the community. They believe a sense of community is what cares for the people. Since they won the contract with Loudon County in 2015, they have improved response times 50% within the first year. They have initiated a first responder teams in Loudon County to assist EMTs for fast response times. There is a shortage of EMT/EMS workers. They also provide community outreach in the form of public events such as basic CPR overview, bleeding wound care, AED simulations. Most of their training and field events are held only during EMS week in May.

There was a motion to adjourn and the motion was passed.

Adjournment: John Evans

Submitted by: Heather Phillips, Secretary