

## COMMITTEE OF 100 MINUTES

Date: November 14, 2019

Meeting called to order: The November 14, 2019 meeting of the Committee of 100 was called to order by President John Evans at The Venue at Lenoir City. Lunch was provided by Aubrey's of Lenoir City.

Invocation: Devin Phillips of Tellico Community Church gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Davis.

There were 98 members and guest standing. Several prospective members/guests introduced themselves.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Ron Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes; and a second motion was passed by Tony Gibbons.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Presented by Joel Malone. Year to date Summary Balance \$16,961.16. Deposits: (Dues) \$3100.78 Expenses: (Lunch) \$541.73, (Meeting Rental) \$353.54, (Member Contributions to Pool Cover Received) (\$250.00), (Member Contributions to Pool Cover Disbursed) \$250.00, (Miscellaneous) \$15.98. Bridge Project Balance: \$1725.06, No deposits or expenses. A motion was made by Shauna Oden to accept the report and a second was made by Ron Jordan. Motion was passed.

### **General Business:**

Members and guests wanting to distribute materials will *no longer be placing items on the tables*. Items will be stacked neatly on a table outside of the meeting room for members and guest to pick up if they want.

### **Community Updated and Announcements:**

- The Venue – Alison Sousa, announced the new artwork in the hallway are photographs provided by the Backdoor Gallery. The 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Vendor Fair from 10a-2p. December 9 is the Fireside Festival. Proceeds to the Boys and Girls Club of Lenoir City. There will be a New Years Eve party at the Venue.
- Loudon County Mayor– Buddy Bradshaw, announced the jail is weeks away from being occupied. The courthouse has been signed off for the stabilization process which will continue through March before restoration can begin.

- Lenoir City – Tony Aikens, announced that a third lane has been opened on Highway 321. The distillery is in discussion with the downtown merchant association and the City Council. December 5 is the Christmas tree lighting. The Christmas parade is December 6.
- Loudon County Visitor Bureau – Rachel Baker, announced that hotels in Loudon County are seeing an increase in demand due to the Garth Brooks concert this weekend. December 7 is the Run LoCo marathon, ½ marathon, and 5k. 2020 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Loudon County’s establishment. June 20 the time capsule buried on the courthouse lawn will be opened.
- Loudon County Economic Development Agency – Jack Qualls, announced Loudon County received the Three Star award. \$37,000 was received through the EDA as a work force grant. The money will go to LCHS and LHS to establish apprenticeships in local industries. The average working wage in Loudon County is \$15.31.

**Special Feature:**

Rodney Grugin- Loudon County Chamber of Commerce

ESRI provides statistics. These statistics show that the retail trade demand of Loudon County is \$7.8 million. The statistics also show that only \$3.75 million is being spent in Loudon County. He stated businesses on Highway 321 and Highway 72 are booming. He encourages everyone to shop local.

Mary Bright- Historic Downtown Lenoir City Merchants Association

The association strives to make Downtown Lenoir City an exciting place to shop. They received an \$115,000 grant for storefront scaping. The association hosts events open to the community to attend.

Jeff Harris – Loudon City Mayor

He listed all of the businesses and eateries in Downtown Loudon. He listed all of the events happening in the City of Loudon for the holidays. He reinforced what Rodney Grugin stated about how it is important to keep money local. He encourages everyone to shop local.

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

**Adjournment:** John Evans

**Submitted by:** Heather Phillips, Secretary