

**Leon Chamber of Commerce**  
Thursday, May 5, 2022      7:30 a.m.  
Decatur County Hospital Conference Room  
**Minutes**

**Roll Call:** JoBeth Smith, Doug Kouba, John Dunsdon, Chris Coffelt, Tonya Lindsey, Marcia Stephens, Bob Frey

**Welcome & Celebrations:** 3 more derelict houses are down thanks to Keyo Bobadilla, Mike Courtney & Elmer Easton. Easter Egg Hunt was success. Farm Girls Flea Market this weekend will bring “tourists” to the area. City Administrator -Kyle’s letter regarding taxation & beautification

**Approve Consent Agenda:** John/Chris moved to approve May Agenda & April Minutes. M/C No Financials.

**Chamber Business:**

Chamber Coffee Update: Tonya reported nothing planned at this time

Upcoming Events:

\*How Do We Make A Good Community Resource Great? John invited all to the May 15th meeting sponsored by the Leon Public Library at Brickhouse 5-7pm. Discussion to include the book 13 Ways to Kill Your Community

\*Lions Club - Thelma’s Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner May 16<sup>th</sup>

\*Decatur County Hospital will host a cookout on Friday during Hospital Week to celebrate the Daisy Award winner

Reports of Committees:

\*Banner Report: Doug reported that 30 are on order awaiting final approval of design.

\*Flower Baskets/Beautification: Baskets are going up this Friday - none around courthouse. City employees will water ones on Hwy 2 (City Hall, Museum, Bears’ Den, State Farm, Sally Elephant); businesses in front of their stores.

\*2022 Membership Update: Casey’s has not responded. Final update unavailable

\*New Website Development: Tabled

\*SWCC House Sale: Tabled

\*Senior Scholarship: JoBeth will present \$1,000 award to one HS Senior Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>

\*SCIT Theater request for Renovation/Advertising: Tabled

**Live:**

\*FLRSP committee Update: Doug reported receipt of grant funding from SCICF (\$4,000) & Clarke Electric (\$2,500)

Other pending grant applications include AARP \$25,000 for Pit Toilet. Trail signs are ready to install.

**Play:**

\*The Easter Egg Hunt emphasized the need for PA system that could carry sound better on the square. Local business partners generously donated \$600 toward candy & prizes, plus several bags of goodies were donated as well. Rotary and SIRF filled the eggs. Chamber, Lions, & student volunteers scattered prizes on the lawn early.

Big shout out to Liz Schmidt for coordinating the project & for representing E. Bunny. It worked well to be on the same day as Firemen Fundraiser, too.

\*City Wide Garage Sales is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June. Lori Scrivner at City Hall will be the contact again this year.

No Junkin' On Jefferson since Judy Harris retired from Lamoni City Hall and no one else could be chairperson. \*4<sup>th</sup> of July – Parade on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> using the old route starting at the pool & North on Main St. Liz Schmidt & Marcia committee. Chamber Work Night is Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning to award 2021 Citizen/Rising Star same night.

**Work – Leon Development Corporation Status Report/Update:**

\*Next Meeting: May 18 @ 7:30a.m. Community Center. Effort and Energy of this work session will focus on alignment of Rural Housing Readiness Workshop results with the City Comprehensive Plan and 2014 Trees Forever

Study; ultimately consolidating similar goals and results identified in the past and not realized to date.

\*Chris met with Alliant regarding rerouting the electric service underground for the two properties on 1<sup>st</sup> Street that LCDC purchased from the City. Demolition could begin in July, which puts it too late for SWICC New Home Construction in 2022/2023 CD School Year. A fence will need to be built in the alley to block view of property to the East.

**Chamber/Partner Updates:**

City of Leon: Tonya & Bob shared that Leon is down to one police officer since the Chief also resigned. The pool will tentatively open June 11. A Manager and 10 Lifeguards are needed. Hours will only be 1-6p.m. CD Student Volunteer Cleanup Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>. General City-Wide Cleanup is a hot topic, and details are being worked out with Jim's Sanitation for early June.

Decatur County Development: Cierra Fountain has been hired to fill the Director position vacated by Emily Munter.

Cierra is an elementary school teacher and cannot start till July. Shannon Erb will continue filling in.

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 7:30a.m. at Decatur County Hospital

**Adjourn 8:30**

Marcia Stephens, Secretary pro-tem? (substitute secretary ; )