

**Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:30 pm  
ZOOM Call

**Members Present:** Greg Eby, TyJuan Walker, Jason Hughes, Joy Sloan, Gary Dunlap, Joseph Fuller, Steve White, Michele Keeling, Tammye Howell, Eric Anderson, Dr. Ronald Ramming, Jon Stogsdill, Alma Pickle

**Ex-Officio Non-Voting:** Angela Wilson, Marie Synar, Mike Miller

**Not Present:** Christopher Kelley, Stacy Burns, Tony Pivec, Dr. Jared Mendenhall, Corey Sisson, J. Tyler Hammons, Scott Robinson, Janey Boydston

**Staff:** Justin O'Neal, Sherry Pilant, Corynne Jewson, Amanda Johnson, Amber Crall

**Guests:** None

**I. Call to order – Greg Eby**

- 3:32 pm

**II. Approval of Minutes – Greg Eby**

- Motion to approve minutes for the April 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was made by Joy Sloan. Tammye Howell seconded.  
The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 12. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Acceptance of February 2020 Chamber Financials – Jason Hughes**

Jason Hughes presented financial reports for April 2020

- Joseph Fuller made a motion to accept the financial report. Steve White seconded.  
The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 12. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**Dr. Ramming joined the meeting at 3:39 pm.**

**IV. Approval of Chamber Board Appointment replacing Christopher Kelley with Stephanie Issacs**

Angela Wilson discussed this board replacement. Christopher Kelley is no longer employed with Cherokee Nation Career Services. They asked for Stephanie Issacs to replace his seat on the board.

- TyJuan Walker made a motion to accept the board Appointment. Joseph Fuller seconded.  
The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 13. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**V. President's Executive Report – Angela Wilson**

- Angela Wilson presented the Executive Report
  - Total Chamber Members: 501
  - Total 2020 Membership Dues collected: \$138,520
  - 2020 Membership Dues Outstanding: \$26,331
  - Total Non-Dues Revenue Collected: \$71,134
  - New Members Since Last Meeting: 0
  - New Member Dues Collected in 2020: \$2,622
  - Outstanding Non-Dues Revenue for 2020: \$9,640
  - Total Tourism Revenue/Reimbursement: \$75,617

- Angela has been working with Marie Synar on the creation of the Muskogee Economic Recovery Task Force, MUSKOGEE FORWARD.
- Since May 1<sup>st</sup> the Chamber & Tourism staff have been alternating office time. Hopefully, the first of June we will all be back in the office. We will open the doors to the public when we feel it is safe to do so.
- The Chamber Annual Banquet will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Castle of Muskogee. Individual tickets and Sponsor tables are available to purchase online.

VI. **Membership Report – Amanda Johnson**

There were no new members reported.

- No action needed.

Amanda Johnson recommended the following members be dropped: Blue Springs Commercial Roofing, S&J Mercantile & Tanning Salon

- Jason Hughes made a motion to drop members as presented. Jon Stogsdill seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 13. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **Program & Committee Reports**

Staff presented Program/Committee reports(Attached).

VIII. **Tourism Reports**

**Amber Crall presented the Tourism financial report for April 2020.**

- Tammye Howell made a motion to accept the April 2020 Tourism Financial Report. Jason Hughes seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: **AYE** – 13. **NO** – None. **ABSTAIN** – None. The motion carried unanimously.

**Justin O’Neal presented the Tourism Director’s Report as follows:**

- Justin reported that he began a new tourism campaign with Griffin Communications, and digital campaigns on Social Media and with Muskogee Phoenix.
- Angela & Justin gave a report on the current status of the 2020-2021 Tourism budget. There will be staffing cuts, but we are looking closely to ensure we utilize the funds effectively.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Bassmaster: June 15-22(ESPN Coverage)
  - APT Pro Golf Tournament: August
  - Okie Jeep Jam: October 2-4
  - Oklahoma Arts Conference
  - Haunted Castle: October

IX. **Other Reports:**

**City of Muskogee:** Mike Miller reported that they are currently working through the budget for the next fiscal year. Current revenue is down across the board. They are working to keep all services. Currently they are not planning for any layoffs or furloughs at this point. Mike Miller also reported that the street tax will be in effect soon, so you will start to see many improvement projects beginning.

**Port of Muskogee/Industrial Development:** Marie Synar reported that they are still holding site visits and recruiting, just mostly virtually at this time. They are using drone footage and videos for prospective businesses to view properties. They have begun a MFG Jobs Initiative to promote Manufacturers that are currently hiring. They promote a different business each Friday, and have had a reach of around 5,000 on social media.



**Adjourned 4:30 pm.**

**Minutes approved by:**

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**Angela Wilson**  
**President & CEO**  
**Board Secretary**

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**Greg Eby**  
**Board Chair**