**Henderson Chamber Meeting**

Monday, March 29, 2021

12:00 pm – BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sponsor: HENDERSON HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC

President of Henderson Chamber Board of Directors, Luke Fochtman, called the meeting to order at 12:14 pm.

Minutes from the February 2021 meeting were reviewed and submitted for approval. Steve Stebbing motioned to approve. Lisa Hurley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report for February 2021 was reviewed. No questions posed, Rick Hiebner made a motion to approve; Angie Allgood seconded. Motion carried.

The following announcements were presented by Luke Fochtman, Henderson Chamber Board President:

* Aubrey Saltus resigned from the Henderson Chamber Executive Director position, effective March 23rd.
* Community Days is still being planned for the weekend of July 9 – 11th.

Community Reports:

Heartland School – Luke Fochtman reported for Tim Carr, Secondary Principal:

* School anticipated to finish on time and hopefully resume a normal start in the fall.
* Currently hiring for a K-12th Art Teacher and a Guidance Counselor.

City – Connie Brown, City Clerk, presented the following:

* Updates on current street progress – 11th St., 15th St., and Elm St.
* Updates on restroom construction – swimming pool one now open.
* Saturday, April 3rd – Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 pm.
* Monday, April 26th – t-ball projected to start.
* Stimulus funds projected for repair usage.

County Commissioner – Bill Bamesberger

* Upcoming repair for Henderson and Lushton roads projected to cost around 2 ½ million dollars.
* New 911 alert/mass texting system – includes three different systems, can sign up at no charge.
* Bill will not be re-running for election when term runs out 12/31/2022 – encouraged those interested to run.

Henderson Health Care Services, Inc. – presentation provided by Cheryl Brown, CEO, and Jill Myers, CFO

* Two construction projects currently occurring simultaneously

Project 1 – COVID Renovation – Clinic remodel/some Hospital areas – shorter timeframe

Project 2 – Hospital/Surgical Renovation & Expansion Project – includes Phase 1, Phase 2, & Phase 3 – projected to take around 36 months total.

Total costs projected around $15 million ($10 million of which will be funded through a USDA loan with a 2.25% fixed interest rate).

* Updates on construction – rerouting of parking and new entrance to Clinic at Front Street.
* COVID vaccination clinics resuming after delay in deliveries/weather impact.

Next Meeting: Highway Clean-up, time/date to be announced

There being no other business or questions, meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Tessman, Secretary