

# DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Lawrence County Chamber

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Attendance

Alex McCoy – Lawrence County Regional Chamber  
Bob DelSignore – Lawrence County Commissioner  
Paul Bucciarelli – Duquene University Small Business  
Angie Urban – New Visions  
Michele Goodman-Jones – Majestic Apartments  
Janet Falotico – Visit Lawrence County  
Anita McKeever – DON's Services  
Shelley McConnell – DON's Services  
Don Kemerer – CRAY

Pat Amabile – Shipping Depot  
Amy Stapleton - WesBanco  
Melissa Hamilton - WesBanco  
Linda Nitch – Economic Development  
Ronda Watkins – WesBanco  
Sylvia Ewen – Warner Brothers  
Sandra Curry – Butler County Community Action  
David Copper – New Vision  
Tom Wilson

Call to Order – Pat Amabile, President

Financial Report – Alex McCoy, Treasurer – Cash on hand \$5,512.61

## Partners Reports:

City of New Castle – Mayor not in attendance

County of Lawrence – Bob DelSignore reported that 80 new voting machines were purchased (1 for each precinct and 5 extra). The new machines will enable the voter to see their vote is counted. The County has quite a bit of work that needs done and they are unable to obtain reasonable bids for a lot of the the work.

Regional Chamber of Commerce – Alex McCoy - The first class of Leadership Lawrence County is almost complete and will be preparing for the next class. They have added 'Hot Deals' on their website that will let members offer special deals to the membership at large. Upcoming dates to remember: Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Business After Hours at the Moco House in Bessemer, Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Dinner (also honoring the top 5 under 40), and Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Membership 101 class being held to review changes in the Chamber's dues structure.

Tourist Promotion – Janet Falotico -Visit Lawrence County booklets are now available. March 31<sup>st</sup> – "Oneness" event at the Cathedral hosted by several organizations in Lawrence County.

PA CareerLink – Not in attendance

New Visions – Angie Urban – New Visions is joining with Leadership Lawrence County on a service project, cleaning up one of the Gateways into the city. Preparing for the Summer Concert Series, a meeting will be held at the end of February. Will continue to plant flowers in the downtown area this spring. Along with the VA we will be honoring our Hometown Heros with banners through out the city.

Blue Print – Sandra Curry – They have reorganized and are focusing on 3 areas, Housing, the riverwalk and downtown businesses.

Economic Development – Linda Nitch – Four Federal census trac zones have been established in the City of New Castle, this will help business within these zones offset capital gains. A meeting will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss this.

DON's Services – Anita McKeever – Central Building was purchased by DON Services and they are looking for additonal tenents. They also are continuing to build on the lower east side.

Shelley McConnell – July 20<sup>th</sup> – Fireworks Festival date has been moved to a week later. The hours have changed to 10:00am to 11:00pm. They are also incorporating a lot of the events that were held by the Hoyt Art Festival (which is not taking place this year) into the Fireworks Festival.

Majestic Building – Michele Goodman-Jones – Majestic Building renovation is complete and all rooms have been rented. They are at present renovating the Lawrence Club room, which they would like to turn in to an event center.

Warner Brothers - Sylvia Ewen – They are open Tuesday thru Saturday 11-5. They recently installed new chairs to the Theater and as a fundraiser they are offering plaques that can be purchased for each chair for \$500.00.

FirstMerit Building – Tom Wilson – The building should be down by mid-April.

Adjournment – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.