**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 1, 2013**

The Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Commission met in regular session on October 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 103 in the Montgomery County Courthouse. Commissioner Members present were: John Frey, Kelly Bielecki, Steve Golliher, and Cindy Smith. Members absent were: Anita Klein, Dan Guard, Nikki Copeland. Also present were: Sue Fain, Kim VanArsdell, Lyle Schmidt, Sharon Kenny, Neil Birk, and Stephanie Cain.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Steve Golliher moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of September 3, 2013 as presented. Kelly Bielecki seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0. President John Frey noted that there was no new business and the meeting moved on to money matters. A grant request was heard by the Commission which was submitted by Kim VanArsdell from Athens Art. Cindy Smith commented that she believed that it was a good program and a worthwhile project for the Commission to prove of the grant and John Frey added that the grant committee recommends to the full commission that the grant be given. It was noted that the grant request was for $1,200.00 and Kelly Bielecki made a motion to accept the grant request. Steve Golliher seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0.

John Frey noted that there was no old business and moved the meeting onto reports. The Commission Treasurer, Nikki Copeland was absent and John Frey directed the Commission members to examine the report submitted by Nikki Copeland for the meeting.

Bureau Director, Sharon Kenny reported to the Commission on the activities of the bureau in the last month. She noted that they are working on a new visitors guide and also had met with a company who will be doing a video for Montgomery County. Finally she directed the Commission to look forward to a newsletter being sent out sometime in the month of October and also that the Bureau is currently looking for potential trade shows to attend and analyze how they can track certain groups of people and what causes them to attend those events. John Frey had a question for director Kenny regarding the appraisal of the Bureau’s building and parking lot. Kenny noted that the appraisal had come in at $140,000.00.

Then the committee reports Kelly Bielecki reported that they are still in the process of developing a study and analysis of potential sports complex, convention center in connection with the new 4-H fairgrounds.

No public comment was made. There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.