



The Prosperity Means



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Events

- April 9—11 Passion Play
- April 11 Bunny Trails
- April 16 Chamber Plus Meeting
- April 17 Miss NTF Pageant
- April 23 Dessert Theater
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- April 24 NTF Family Night
- April 25 Natchez Trace Festival
- May 25 Aisle of Honor
- June 5 Relay for Life
- June 26 June Jam

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Washington Request for Attala County

The economy has been in a steady decline not seen since the Great Depression. Attala County Mississippi has not been immune to job losses and growing unemployment. The most recent month available reflected a double digit rate of 10%. In order to jumpstart the local economy the Attala County and City of Kosciusko elected leadership have been working collectively to identify shovel ready projects that can be started within weeks of notification of funding. In addition, these projects have been estimated and reviewed by either an engineer and or architect to determine the cost associated with each project and the number of jobs that will be created for the duration of the construction schedule. These project are site ready either already located on existing property owned by the

county or city or to be sited on property designated for these projects with government ownership. Each of these projects will allow our community to improve the infrastructure, and at the same time have the ability to produce more opportunities for employment.

1. **Kosciusko-Attala County Technology, Training & Education Center** - \$5.0 Million creating 25 construction jobs and 45 permanent jobs the first 24 months. This does not include individuals trained for other permanent jobs.
2. **Attala County Jail** - \$15.0 Million creating 75 construction jobs and 60 permanent jobs the first 12 months.
3. **Central Fire Station** - \$825,000 creating 15 con-

struction jobs for 12 months.

4. **Emergency Operation Center** - \$1.5 Million creating 20 construction jobs for 14 months
5. **Attala County Courthouse Renovation** - \$2,5 Million creating 15 construction jobs for 12 months
6. **Coliseum Renovation** - \$950,000 creating 12 construction jobs for 8 months.
7. **Strand Theatre Renovation** - \$1.2 Million creating 15 construction jobs for 8 months.



City/County make trip to Washington

Legislative Day at the Capital

A delegation from Kosciusko and Attala County made its way to the Capital on February 19. Doughnuts, coffee and Luvel milk were served to the Capital. The delegation then attended a

luncheon at the Old Capital Inn for the seven elected officials serving Attala County. This meeting was to let our elected officials know what projects Attala County was working to-

ward. This PR event for Attala County was made possible by the efforts of the City of Kosciusko, Attala County Board of Supervisors and the KADC office.

NTF Unveiling Soiree'



Andi Frank unveiling her artwork for the Natchez Trace Festival

This year marks the 40th annual Natchez Trace Festival. The unveiling of the artwork was held at Jordan Furniture in the upstairs art gallery. Andi Frank was chosen as this year's artist. Mrs. Frank said she wanted to create a work of art showing a different aspect of the Festival. This year's painting depicts a family running down the Natchez Trace. Andi has titled the painting "Almost Home". The family used for the painting was the Hudson family of Kosciusko. The official t-shirts were also unveiled at the event.

There was a showing of art from the students at Kosciusko High School, which will be on display at Jordan Gallery. We would like to thank our sponsors, Jordan Furniture Company, Jordan Funeral Home and Wanda's Catering for making this a wonderful event.

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Bringing "The Strand" Back

She's a grand old lady, the Strand. Built in 1920's as a theater and not just converted into a theater from another commercial building. Time may have stripped her of youthful beauty, but she has good bone structure and carries her age well.

~Diane Boutwell Grey

A meeting was held in The Strand Theater with several constituents from the State. The City is continuing to move forward with the plans for the renovation on The

Strand Theater. The main issue at this time is funding. The KADC's role in this is to help find grants for the renovation. This is a project for all the community to get behind and make happen. The overall project will cost in the range of 3.1 million. It has been broken down into 3 phases with the first and most important being the roof repair. This project will be ongoing and require the entire community's support.

Kosciusko Heritage Foundation



Kosciusko Information Center

The KADC and the KHF met to discuss the future of the Kosciusko Information Center. Plans are being made to restructure the organization. This restructure should move Kosciusko into the future for our Center and for the Travelers on the Trace.

Existing Industry Meeting

One of KADC's major strategies is to promote communication and public awareness to our members and the community. We are dedicated to continuing to support our community through inviting expert speakers to present at quarterly meetings. We hosted our first Existing Industry meeting on January 28 held at Rib Alley. The speaker for this engagement was Chandler Russ. Mr.

Russ gave a synopsis on what the state had to offer the existing industries and how each department could help with matters concerning small to large businesses. There were about 35 business owners present and the meeting was sponsored by Servpro.



Existing Industry Meeting



Washington continued...

8. SAP-04(14) S - Countywide Maintenance and Reseal - \$1.7 Million creating 20 construction jobs for 6 months.
9. STP-0004(17) B - Countywide Maintenance and Reseal - \$1.6 Million creating 20 construction jobs for 6 months.
10. LSBP-04(12), Bridges on Roads 3022 and 4101 - \$600,000 creating 10 construction jobs for 8 months.
11. County Road Repair and Overlay - \$8.0 Million creating 20 construction jobs for 18 months.
12. Street Rehabilitation and Overlay Project - \$5.6 Million with priority to Tipton and Gilliland Streets \$2.6 Million of total creating 15 construction jobs for 15 months.
13. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project - \$7.2 Million creating 20 construction jobs for 24 months.

14. Storm Drainage and Erosion Project - \$3.4 Million creating 12 construction jobs for 15 months.
15. Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital Renovation - \$8.2 Million 100 construction jobs for 24 months and 20 new permanent jobs.
16. Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital Picture Archiving and Communication System - \$300,000 15 temporary jobs for 18 months and 3 new permanent jobs.
- Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital Electronic Medical Record System - \$300,000 15 temporary jobs for 18 months and 4 new permanent jobs.

Kosciusko named CVB of the Year

The KADC office attended several meetings and training this quarter.

Lake Development Symposium was held in Jackson on February 4th. Information was given on the development of lakes and home development for lakes.

MEDC Winter Conference was held in Jackson on February 5th. Multiple seminars were given

on Economic Development and Chamber Development.

Governor's Conference on Tourism was held in Hattisburg on February 15, 16 and 17. Information was given on the future of tourism across the state. Kosciusko was the recipient of the CVB of the Year for \$0 to \$100,000.



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The Kosciusko Attala Development Corporation was founded in October 2007. The purpose of the KADC is to aid, assist and promote the development and expansion of the business, employment, and cultural opportunities in Attala County, Mississippi, by such means as the Board of Directors may deem best, including but not limited to providing assistance to the economic development of Attala County, Mississippi.

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