

Form **990-EZ**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2016
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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
520 COOK STREET STE A
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MADISONVILLE, TN 37354

D Employer identification number
62-1024187
E Telephone number
(423) 442-4588
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) _____
I Website: MONROECOUNTYCHAMBER.ORG
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other _____
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 129,417

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received 10,000
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 10,560
3	Membership dues and assessments 67,163
4	Investment income 102
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses 5b
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 5c
6	Gaming and fundraising events
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) 6a
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) 6b 40,392
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c 13,680
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) 6d 26,712
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7a
b	Less cost of goods sold 7b
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 7c
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) 8 1,200
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 9 115,737
Expenses	
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) 10
11	Benefits paid to or for members 11
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 12 58,155
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 13 535
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14 13,303
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 16 22,879
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 17 94,872
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 18 20,865
Net Assets	
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) 19 69,603
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) 20
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 21 90,468

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	49,814	22	62,251
23 Land and buildings	29,051	23	27,256
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,885	24	4,427
25 Total assets	80,750	25	93,934
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	11,147	26	3,466
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	69,603	27	90,468

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
 TO PROMOTE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ASSIST THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONROE COUNTY

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

		Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)
28 See Additional Data Table		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	71,261

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 46 No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only
All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 47
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here ***** Signature of officer 2017-11-01 Date
BRANDY GENTRY EXEC DIRECTOR Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name ROBERT S TALLENT CPA Preparer's signature Date 2017-11-01 Check if self-employed PTIN P00158265
Firm's name WARREN & TALLENT CPA'S PLLC Firm's EIN 62-1874228
Firm's address 606-C S MAIN ST SWEETWATER, TN 37874 Phone no (423) 337-5003

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 62-1024187

Name: MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
28 TO PROMOTE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ASSIST THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONROE COUNTY (Grants \$) <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	71,261

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
DANNY LONG CHAIRMAN	2 00	0		
JOSHUA BUCHANAN DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
CAYLEN MATOY DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
MICHAEL ATKINS PAST CHAIRMA	1 00	0		
MICHAEL MCNULTY DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
DR ROBIN TRICOLI DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
CASEY CAMP DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
TERRY KNIGHT DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
PAUL WILSON DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
YADIRA GONZALEZ DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
RUBY MCLEMORE TREASURER	2 00	0		
NICOLE PEELS DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
DEBBIE GOSSAGE DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
JULIE HOLT DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
BRYAN HALL DIRECTOR	1 00	0		

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BRANDY GENTRY EXEC DIRECTO	40 00	37,387		

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Employer identification number
62-1024187

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations</p> <p>b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations</p> <p>c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations</p> <p>d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations</p> | <p>e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants</p> <p>f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants</p> <p>g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events</p> |
|---|---|
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		<u>GOLF TOURNAMENT</u> (event type)	<u>MEMBERSHIP BANQ</u> (event type)	<u>1</u> (total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross receipts	18,812	10,668	7,464	36,944
2	Less Contributions				
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	18,812	10,668	7,464	36,944
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes			200	200
	5 Noncash prizes			215	215
	6 Rent/facility costs	3,150			3,150
	7 Food and beverages	129	3,420		3,549
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	2,276	1,320	376	3,972
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				11,086
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				25,858

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
8	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------|---------|
| a | The organization's facility | 13a | _____ % |
| b | An outside facility | 13b | _____ % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	SPONSORSHIP/MISC 1,200 TOTAL 1,200

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 3,196 OFFICE 7,034 TRAVEL 887 DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS 4,882 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES 3,690 POSTAGE 811 TAXES AND LICENSES 20 TELEPHONE & INTERNET 2,119 CONTRACT LABOR 240 TOTAL 22,879

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 1,885 4,427 EQUIPMENT 26,805 26,805 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 26,805 26,805 TOTAL 1,885 4,427

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 11,147 3,466

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	TO PROMOTE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ASSIST THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONROE COUNTY