

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission

OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Noon

Muscatine County Admin Building

Becky Allgood called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Lynn Pruitt, Lisa Wertzbaugher, Jim Nepple, Mary Beveridge, Becky Allgood, Tom Furlong, Brian Wright and Jane Daufeldt. Also present was Sherry Seright. Bill Koellner was excused.

April Minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

Tom Furlong reported an unencumbered balance of \$10 864.55, which includes the \$1300 grant for the Historic Jail. Treasurer's report was approved with motion by Lisa and seconded by Jane.

Jim Nepple reported that all county historic projects are with the Community Foundation. It is our responsibility to keep track of the individual accounts. Sherry said she will set up a spread sheet to facilitate our bookkeeping.

Mary and Lynn reported on the status of the Historic Jail. A Community Foundation Impact Grant was received for the Historic Jail. Along with several other donations, the Friends Group will ask Michael Nolan to put together a design proposal and proceed with the second phase of the jail restoration. Lisa has agreed to draft a fund-raising plan and present it at our next meeting. She will present it first to the Friends Group and then to the Commission at the June Commission meeting. Anticipated is a joint agreement with the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and its Friends Group. It was recommended and decided to hold the next Friends of the Historic Jail meeting an hour before our regular monthly meeting. So the Friends of the Historic Jail will meet at 11 a.m. on June 20 at the County Administration Building, just before our regular meeting. Once Michael Nolan's proposal is received and accepted, we can put the proposal on the agenda of the County Board of Supervisors and proceed with the second phase of the Historic Jail restoration.

Lynn reported on the status of Planning for Preservation grant for County Schools and Churches. He said they are awaiting word on an HRDP grant from the state.

Reporting on the Fairgrounds, Lisa said donations have been coming in for 2 new buildings: the Heritage Hall and the Cattle Pavilion. And bids have come in under budget. A new Show Ring will be constructed after this year's Fair and will be a new structure with better seating and hard surface walkways. Lisa said she does most of the financial recording for the Fair.

The Old Barn is awaiting National Historic listing and the Friends Group is working on constructing a plaque for the building.

Lynn reported on the status of the Downtown Nichols project. Jennifer Price has sent a draft of a registration form for listing with the National Register of Historic Places for review. When it is submitted, Lynn will receive Jennifer Price's bill for the project. Jennifer Price will then work on 2 more TAN grants for Nichols buildings.

Participating in the Newton Historic Summit in Newton June 6-8 will be Lynn, Jim and Becky. Becky will be a presenter Thursday morning and Friday, and Lynn and Jim will present on Saturday. Lisa will provide Lynn and Jim with records of her fundraising and Becky will provide Wilton's history of fundraising, including TAN and HRDP records. Jim stressed the importance of showing how we have defined our projects when obtaining funding.

In Open Discussion: Becky announced the Governor and Lt Governor will be at the Newton Candy Kitchen on Monday, May 20. They will be signing a bill for the installation of fiber optics for Wilton. Becky invited commissioners to attend. Becky said work is continuing on the Star Drug and suggested an HRDP grant might be good for projects like the Historic Jail.

Our next meeting will be at noon on June 20 at the County Administration Building.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim and seconded by Jane. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beveridge

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