

The CCHPC met on January 11, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Clayton County Development Office. Attending where: Lee Lenth, Ellen Collins, John Nikolai, Betty Buchholz and Roger Thomas.

The meeting agenda was approved with the following item added by Nikolai for the discussion of bridge projects be included, Lenth seconded the motion as amended, motion carried.

The minutes from the December 7, 2018 were read and Nikolai moved that they be approved as printed, Lenth seconded the motion, motion carried.

Bridge project was discussed and Roger T. stated that it was determined at last months meeting that he and Milt Johnson will be co-ordinating the project. John N. volunteered to help if needed.

Collins reported that a letter to the editor was sent to all NE Iowa print media. Two newspapers requested an edit by removing the thank you. Collins revised the letter and resent it.. Collins reported on the budget discussion with the Board of Supervisors (BOS). She requested a sum of \$2,050 for fiscal years 2019/2020 for commision (CCHPC) operations. She also discussed a rededication ceremony with the Supervisors for the clock tower. The ceremony was approved along with a \$1,000 budget. Collins inquired about the rental of a tent from Nelson True Value. A 20 X 20 tent costs \$225 for delivery, set up, and take down. Collins will also visit with Myron Phelps about a possible date to have the dedication on the side lawn of the courthouse.

Nikolai inquired about a video that was discussed at previous commission meetings to highlight the rehabilitation of the clock and the tower. Collins suggested that he lead this effort and bring back the plan a the next meeting. Collins suggested he speak to CC Auditor Jennifer Garms who has a similar idea for visitors.

Buchholz and Collins will develop a list of people who assisted in anyway on the rehabilitation of the clock tower for display at the re-dedication ceremony.

The members discussed how to market or showcase the stone structures and the historic amenities in the county. It was decided after visiting with Darla Kelchen about possible printing of self guided tour cards and other marketing options. It was decided that a more detailed discussion be held at the next meeting to develop a plan. Darla strongly suggested the following for tour cards: tour should be only on hard surface roads NOT GRAVEL, that sites be easy to see and not overgrown with weeds and that the tour card includes what is significant about the bldg/structure, what it was in the past and using laminated tour cards NOT booklets.

Daria Kelchen asked if the members would be interested in attending a board training about non-profit operations and board member responsibilities. Her office is planning on hosting such a workshop if there is enough interest in the area. The members agreed that it would be of interest to attend.

The next regular meeting will be February 8, 2019 at the development office.

There will not be a March 2019 meeting.

With no further business, Nikolai moved to adjourn, seconded by Lenth, meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roger Thomas