

## Minutes for October 11, 2019 Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting for the C.C. Historic Preservation Commission was held at the C.C. Genealogical Society in Elkader. Those present were Ellen Collins(acting Chairperson), John Nikolai(acting as Secretary), Gary Goyette, and Lee Lenth. Auditor Jennifer Garms was also present. Those absent were Betty Buchholz, Milt Johnson and Roger Thomas.

Motion to approve October agenda by John Nikolai and seconded by Lee Lenth. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve September CCHPC minutes by John Nikolai. Ellen Collins moved that minutes be amended by adding this sentence " Buchholz suggested that the historic items be placed in the clock tower until a decision is made on a display cabinet for the courthouse." Another sentence also added to paragraph related to digital files. Collins moved that the sentence be added "Auditor Garms is to check with the Supervisors". Lee Lenth seconded the motions related to additions to the minutes. Motions approved unanimously.

Auditor Garms added that she discussed the idea to place a monitor or digital frame in the courthouse to have pictures of the clock tower restoration process with the Supervisors. It has been decided that a touch screen monitor will be purchased by the county for public use to show pictures of the restoration process in addition to historic information on the various offices in the courthouse and perhaps things happening that would be of public interest. She asked the commission for restoration pictures to use now on the county website and on the touch screen monitor when purchased. Collins and Goyette are to get pictures to her for use. A flash drive will be used with the touch screen monitor that can be changed at times with different pictures on it.

Commissioner John N. and Ellen C. reported on a successful day of cleaning up the Mederville Bridge with the help of 6 FFA students:-Laci Orr is the leader of the Central FFA. Ellen C. reported that per a listing of Clayton County historic and significant buildings and bridges it indicates the Meaderville Bridge was placed on NRHP in 1998. During the cleaning of the bridge the bed of the bridge was scraped of dirt and weeds by the FFA students. Ellen and John worked on weeding also. Roger T. used a powerwasher on about ¼ of the bridge. Lee Lenth will work on getting the needed measurements of the sign needed to designate this bridge as being on the NRHP. He will also do a test area on the bridge with Wet and Forget chemical to see if it is successful in removing lichen. He will also make a frame for the new sign.

Discussion regarding the training that will be held in Independence on October 26 related to placement of historic places on the NRHP list. John N., Ellen C. and Lee L. will attend. This does qualify for the annual training requirement for Commissioners.

Commission is still deciding on what papers to place in the clock tower for historic purposes.

Gary Goyette reported that he will be meeting with Rockcrest stone barn owner Alan Johnson to discuss a TAN report(Assistance Field Service Grant. The Site Inventory was completed in 1985 which determined it is eligible for NRHP designation.

Auditor Garms stated at this time the Supervisors felt that we should not use the balance of the dedication funds for the printing of pictures of the restoration process and the conversation of historic info from CD's to Flash drives. This subject can be revisited at a later date however.

Hi-Way 13 Vintage Market times and dates announced for Rural Heritage Museum.

Current Commission balance is \$1482.09.

Next Meeting will be Friday, November 8, 2019 at the Rankin-Knight Museum at 38013 Dogwood Avenue, Strawberry Point at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned by motion of Lee Lenth and seconded by Gary Goyette. Motion approved unanimously.