

**Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
(Revision 1)**

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at noon

Muscatine County Administrative Board Room

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

Commissioners: Allgood, Beveridge, Bosten, Collins, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt

Guests: Stevens

Order of Business

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner
- B. Approval of Minutes- June 9, 2021- Daufeldt
- C. Approval of Financial Report- Allgood

Old Business

D. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding -Wertzbaugher, Pruitt

- 1. CLG grant Updates
 - 1. Old Jail - Progress report by Wertzbaugher and Pruitt
 - 2. Mike Nolan will present at August meeting results of CLG-funded design
 - 3. Quarterly report due in September
- 2. Friends of the Old Jail Update-Beveridge – possible action items
 - 1. Update on funds raised and plans to raise additional funds
- 3. Other Action items
 - 1. Marketing promotion by Musser Library – Update – Collins

E. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items

- 1. Contractor update
 - 1. Draft 1 submitted for Commissioner’s review on April 26 - Final report submitted to MCJPC Commissioners, Saturday July 10. How many copies of written report provided to County? Distribution list to be established by Committee. Presentation to County Board of Supervisors by Project manager. Whom and when, Action.
- 2. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches – – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood
 - 1. Signage update – (Cost of purchase of signs and posts) Furlong et. al
 - 2. Historic bridges removal and funds available for signage update – Pruitt
 - 3. Fund source for remainder of signs and posts – Budget, funds available.
 - 4. Possible Action: Motion to approve the country schools and churches signage project and related search for funding recognizing the potential for

partial funding from mitigation for removal of three historically significant county bridges.

5. Letter to cities involved for compliance with local signage regulations.

F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt – possible action items

2. Historic Commercial District, Ijem Ave Plans for marker costs and purchase and installation, plus press release.
2. St. Mary's Church nomination status- Pruitt
3. Ben Nichols Home – CLG Grant application – Pruitt
4. Friends of Nichols Group for funding matches (use of funds for NHR signage)

G. MCHPC Meeting with West Liberty Heritage Foundation Trustees - Koellner

1. Tallgrass is close to a draft report for NHR nomination as submission to NPS due before August 10.
2. WLHF is working with City Administration in cooperative effort with city of West Liberty to establish CLG status. WLHF awaiting selection of new city manager.

H. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree – possible action items

1. WHC – update on nomination of historic building
2. Historic bus tour - update
3. Ochiltree has over 100,000 historic artifacts for which he needs archives and possible museum presentation - update

I. Durant Historic Commission - Allgood/ Ochiltree - possible action items

1. Report by Koellner/Beveridge on Meeting

J. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt, and Bosten - possible action items

1. HRDP grant in the amount of \$12,620 – awarded by State of Iowa. Motion to accept this HRDP grant and associated cash match of \$6,310 from County funds.
Lynn Pruitt appointed as grant manager
2. Demolition dates/ contractors and Documentation of Pump House- 7/1 – salvage of some stones agreed on.- update - Stevens
3. Final design MCHPC/DNR of kiosk/pavilion/other – REAP Education grant in amount of \$47,368 received by FFFH– Stevens – Manager of grant on behalf of FFFH. Matching in-kind contributions in the amount of \$40,144 have been arranged for a total project cost of \$87,512.
4. Funding for Kiosk, trails, signage – combination of REAP plus potential CFGM grant- Stevens – update and plans
5. Stevens mentioned that a contract between the Friends Group and the Art Center had been finalized to do a mural on one of the Houser Street retaining walls

depicting the history of the button industry- Janet Hoopes is doing the creation.
Update on this project and news release. - Stevens

6. Marketing Media (brochure development and media releases) There is a brochure for the Hatchery. If this was contracted – who could do this publicity? MCC student – U of I student - update
7. Other potential funds – source of historic material for Pavilion – Stevens/Pruitt
8. Other activities at Fairport Fish Hatchery Site – Stevens/Pruitt

K. Create National Historic Register Inventory for Muscatine County – Collins - possible action items

1. Plans for development of Inventory - update

1. Collect existing marketing information from multiple sources
2. Prepare documents for each site – digital with potential paper
3. Update MAGIC with locations of historic places (cemeteries (GenWeb), facilities, districts, transportation, other historic buildings present in the county) – possible use of summer student

J. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Wertzbaugher

1. Request permission to apply for CLG for engineering services.

K. Restoration of Old Barns (NEW) - Beveridge

L. Plans for 2021 - possible action items

1. Collaborate with Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission for potential zoom meeting to share common preservation
2. Location of Grange Halls in Muscatine County – Commissioners who surveyed townships gather historic facts on Halls
3. Transportation in Muscatine County - Stagecoach routes, railroads, depots, ferry crossings, early highways (Highway 6 and travel cabins), interurban from Davenport to Muscatine, old rail depots and supporting buildings and businesses. old bridges – later in 2021-22

L. Upcoming Meeting – August 11

M. Open Discussion