

**Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at noon

Muscatine County Administrative Board Room

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

Commissioners Present: Collins, Daufeldt, Koellner, Pruitt

Excused: Allgood, Beveridge, Furlong, Ochiltree, Bosten

Guests: Seright, and Lena Michalek, LEED Green Assoc. with Horizon Architecture

Order of Business

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner - Tabled due to lack of a quorum
- B. Approval of Minutes- July 14, 2021- Daufeldt -Tabled due to lack of a quorum
- C. Approval of Financial Report- Allgood -Tabled due to lack of a quorum

Old Business

**D. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding -Wertzbaugher, Pruitt
(possible action items)**

1. CLG grant Updates-A presentation was given by Michalek with Horizon Architecture. Diagrams were presented to those present. Michalek will forward digital versions to distribute to the group.
There was discussion regarding the perspectives on A-600
 - Sidewalk from sheriff's house on east side stairs
 - Sidewalk in front of entrance to the basement stairs
 - Door type on west side of jail change to match the glass door on the east across but be a fixed glass that is not an outlet.
 - Will check with the historical requirement for the old doors.
2. Friends of the Old Jail Update-Beveridge – No report
3. Other Action items - Marketing promotion Collins...
 - Collins stated her willingness to help create a brochure and donation document to help with historical perspective.
 - The Muscatine Journal will be a focus for stories to help the public understand the historical need for preservation and adaptive reuse of the building as a museum of Muscatine County history.
 - Talked about uses for townships to store their documents and artifacts. Away to sustain the heritage within the area of the Old Jail.
 - Collins thought the plan would take up to 2 months,

E. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt –

1. Contractor update – Final report was submitted to the State at the end of July 2021 as per contract with Leah Rogers, Tallgrass. Digital copies of the volumes were sent to Commissioners in July 2021 from Tallgrass.
We are expecting to receive the \$9750 grant amount from the State in August.

2. Presentation to County Board of bound – date to be determined -copies of both volumes of the report will be given to County once printing and costs are available.
3. Copies needed and distribution. It was discussed that starting with 25 copies and ordering more if there was interest from the Commission. The approximated cost for 25 copies of the two volumes was \$40-\$50 each. Funding could come from the annual commission's allowance of \$5,000. The fund would be replenished with the sales from the volumes.
At the time of the meeting the lowest quote was ~\$1070 for 25.
4. The contract calls for 6 printed copies and 3 disks/CD. Tallgrass will be notified about the reports and possible use of the commissions pricing.
5. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches – – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood- work in process

F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt – possible action items - none taken

Pruitt reported that the City of Nichols will pay ½ of the price of the plaque and the Friend of Nichols group will pay the other half. Total of \$600 for Bronze

- St. Mary Church is on going
- Nichols family house has an agreement with the family to pay \$500 and match to be from in-kind hours for the grant to be submitted.

G. MCHPC Meeting with West Liberty Heritage Foundation Trustees – Koellner FYI

- West Liberty Depot moving along

H. Fair Board looking at a CLG grant to determine the structural integrity of the amphitheater.

I. Historic Wilton Neighborhoods, Bus tour and historic documents – Allgood/Ochiltree – possible action items none taken

- The state historical bus will be in Wilton the weekend of August 20,21,22. Commissioners were encouraged to signup at hosts.
- Historic Sites in Muscatine were highlighted in a flier that will be used as a hand out for the bus.
- Sites mentioned were: West Liberty Commercial Historic District, Wilton Candy Kitchen, Pine Creek Grist Mill, Nichols listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), Most endangered listings for Beers & St Johns Company State Coach Inn near West Liberty, Fairport Fish Hatchery, Muscatine County Fair Grounds, County Schools and Churches, Muscatine County Historic Jail, and Downtown Wilton listed on NRHP with Historic Façade Renewal

J. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt, and Bosten – Report submitted by email as follows:

Friends of Fairport Fish Hatchery - Stevens and Pruitt (updates)

1. Sandy Stevens (with CFGM assistance) requested 50% of the CEP grant award (ca. \$23,700) back in July. The paperwork was lost, and I resubmitted this request on August 4-5. The change in address by CFGM has really messed things

up in the bureaucratic world of state government, but Kathleen Moench indicated today (8/10/21) that she and her staff will expedite the request once the change of address has been cleared by all state agencies that interact with CFGM.

2. The pumphouse was demolished on August 2-3. Video and photographs have been posted to the Facebook page of Friends of Fairport Fish Hatchery. I have lots of other photos and short video clips if anyone is interested, or if people want them posted on the Facebook page.
3. SulzCo was able to save ALL decorative sandstone blocks (217 total), including all the stones above the door and all the stones from the bullseye window above the door. Only three regular window stones received any damage, and they are still useable. SulzCo also saved 50-60% of the capstone around the building, which should be enough to use on at least half of the pavilion.
4. Melanie and I moved all the stones to a safe distance from the demolition. The stones from the bullseye and door are on palettes, other stones are stacked on a concrete slab or on the ground nearby. Also have a palette of brick with the names "ELDON" or "TROTT." ELDON bricks are most likely from a brick manufacturer in Eldon, IA, southeast of Ottumwa on the Des Moines River.
5. Current design plans for the pavilion would use all decorative stone except for 6 keystones and 56 regular stones that were over windows. Perhaps we could sell some, or all, of the stones to help raise money for the pavilion.
6. FFFH has produced a revised and updated brochure, and we also revised our letter request for donations to accompany the brochure.
7. Dustin Joy reported that the NPBM board does not want FFFH to make a presentation to the board at the upcoming August 19 meeting. However, the door was left open for us to make such a presentation in September or October.
8. Paul has started a PowerPoint presentation to use for marketing purposes to corporations and larger companies. I will finally have some time to begin working with Paul to complete the PowerPoint slides.
9. Andy Fowler and I were interviewed by Channel 4 TV on 8/9/21 by Linda Cook. She will let me know when it will air, but it will not be any time before 8/16/21.
10. I accepted an invitation to discuss the Fairport Fish Hatchery (past and present, CEP grant, future plans, etc.) with the Century Club on 11/9. The PowerPoint slides will be part of the talk. I also hope to make the same presentation to Rotary Club, and others, perhaps the Chamber of Commerce.
11. Janet Hoopes (and I) completed the white primer and green undercoat of the mural. She will begin painting mural details this weekend. All paint has been purchased.

K. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Wertzbaugher

There was no update on the amount of donations. It was noted that Beveridge has promises from several donors, but the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine (CFGM) has not to this date received any other the pledges.

Reminder: all funds are to be deposited in the with checks made out to Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine- Old Jail.

The new address is: 104 West 2nd Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761 (Next to the Chamber's office)

Plans for 2021/22 - 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 – September 8

Adjourned:

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
FY 2021/22
MCHPC YTD Aug 11 2021**

Fund Balance:	7,306.95
<i>Encumbered:</i>	
CLG Cash Match- Historic Jail Design-Nolan	(6,400.00)
HRDP Cash Match- Fish Hatchery Nomination	(6,310.00)
Unencumbered Fund Balance:	\$ (5,403.05)

	Budget	YTD	Balance
BUDGET:	34,495.00	Expenditures	34,495.00
Commission Expenses	5,000.00		5,000.00
Historic Jail-Remodel Design-Nolan	16,000.00		16,000.00
TOTAL		-	21,000.00

PROJECTS:

CLG Grant - Schools-Churches	Budget	To Date	Balance
Revenue:			
Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	9,750.00		9,750.00

HISTORIC JAIL PROJECT	Budget	To Date	Balance
Expenditures:			
Phase 2 Design	16,000.00		16,000.00
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Revenue:			
CLG Grant	9,600.00		9,600.00
Cash Match-HPC-encumbered	6,400.00		6,400.00
	<u>16,000.00</u>		<u>16,000.00</u>

HRDP Grant - Fish Hatchery	Budget	To Date	Balance
Expenditures:			
Fish Hatchery nomination	18,930.00		18,930.00
Revenue:			
Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	12,620.00		12,620.00
Cash Match-HPC-encumbered	6,310.00		6,310.00
	<u>18,930.00</u>	-	<u>18,930.00</u>