

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

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at noon**

Via Zoom using the following link

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**Meeting Called to order by Koellner at 12:04PM**

**Roll Call and Guests**

Commissioners: Allgood, Bosten, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Pruitt

Excuse: Collins

Guests: None

**Order of Business**

- A. Approval of Agenda- Moved to approve by Daufeldt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pruitt. All ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes- September 8, 2021- Pruitt moved to approve, Allgood 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Ayes.
- C. Approval of Financial Reports – No report for this month

**Old Business**

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

- 1. Updates – the information was sent to the State, waiting on comments.
- 2. Friends of the Old Jail fundraising -No report.
- 3. Other Action items - Marketing promotion and signage- Changes to the historical plaque were suggested by Cultural Affairs and those have been submitted. Placement of the plaque will be done by the county staff.

NOTE: It was noted that plaques were also requested for the West Liberty’s Historic Depot. They also had a request for changes to the wording.

Allgood informed the Commission that Wilton was not funded for a plaque.

Fairport Fish Hatchery was submitted by Stevens.

With some added discussion there was a suggestion that we empower the MCHPC to provide signage noting historical locations we deem important to recognize. No formal action taken.

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

- 1. Contractor update – copies sold and marketing of book -Pruitt is funding the initial orders of the survey. There have been 34 reports sold and Daufeldt will collect the money and deliver for 2 more reports.
- 2. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches – – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood

1. MCHPC logo – approval by commission (action) Waiting on the final logo from the designer.
2. **Motion** to approve purchase of 16 signs from Iowa Prison Industries for Pike Township @ approximate \$125.00 per sign, was made by Furlong, Allgood 2<sup>nd</sup>. These will include the space for the MCHPC logo and QR codes. All Ayes. This signage expense was already approved by the Board of Supervisors from the bridge abatement funds.

**F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt –**

The Historic Downtown was approved and now the city has the National Historic Register marker for the area Waiting for a formal ceremony and presentation. Waiting for possible CLG grant for Benjamin and Susan Nichols Home, St. Mary's Catholic church is in the nomination process with the church working with Jennifer Price.

**G. West Liberty Heritage Foundation – Koellner**

Koellner reported that they are waiting for the nomination results for the historic depot

**H. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree –**

Having issues with modifications made to a significantly historic building in the downtown. Thus, prompting a discussion of markers for buildings recognized by the commission.

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

No actions taken. Pruitt reported that with two workdays, much of the brush and overgrowth have been removed at the Hatchery site. Ready for the trail markers (funded by DNR). The signs will be purchased by the end of the year. The mural commemorating the button industry in Muscatine is under construction along Houser. The work is being done by Janet Hoopes.

**I. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Wertzbaugher**

Koellner reported that Wertzbaugher submitted for a CLG grant to fund an engineering study for the amphitheater. Waiting on a response.

**J. Plans for 2021/22 - possible action items**

1. Location of Grange Halls in Muscatine County – Commissioners who surveyed townships gather historic facts on Halls
2. 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
3. Follow up for the recommendations made in the Country Schools and Churches report by Leah Rogers.

**L. Upcoming Meeting – November 10**

Meeting Adjourned

