

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday, 6 December 2016**

The Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (MCHPC) met on Tuesday, December 6 at the County Administration Building with commissioners Lynn Pruitt, Jim Nepple, Mary Beveridge, Tom Furlong and Rebeckah Allgood present. Lisa Wertzbaugher, Bill Koellner, Anna Mack and Bette Schneider were excused. Lynn Pruitt presided and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved. Treasurer Tom Furlong reported a current balance of \$1 621.00.

Mary Beveridge reported on the Historic Jail Museum/Archive Project Development. She said that Doug Steinmetz, architect for the project, would like to meet with Commission members in early January and finalize plans for presentation to the Board of Supervisors later in January. Tuesday, January 10 will be the meeting with Doug Steinmetz and the commissioners and Monday, January 16 (or alternatively January 30) he will present the plans to the Board of Supervisors. Pending Board approval, a "Friends of the Historic Jail" group will be formed. It will be formed through the Community Foundation and upon approval of Sherry Seright, who is in charge of Buildings and Grounds and is also in charge of finances for the Board. Mary offered several names of people who might be interested and it was suggested that Anna Mack might act as advisor to the group.

Jim Nepple reported on the Planning for Preservation Study. He is completing the rural Fruitland area and Lynn will complete the Sweetland survey this week. Becky will complete the Wilton survey. All reports should be submitted to Lynn or Rebecka McCarley before Christmas. Lynn asked that all time sheets, mileage reports and expense sheets be submitted as well.

Tom Furlong reported on the Fairgrounds projects. He said there has been work on the Exhibition Hall (Ryan Building) and they are getting bids from contractors.

Becky Allgood reported that 18 building facades in Downtown Wilton have been completed and the Downtown Facades have been listed on the National Register. Becky is also working on obtaining CLG status for Downtown Wilton.

Lynn reported on the status of the Old Barn listing. He has been working with Jennifer Price and has sent a report to Paula Mohr. They are now awaiting state approval.

Lynn announced that next year's Preserve Iowa Summit would be held in Fort Dodge. He also asked commissioners to submit for reimbursement any expenses they have which are related to training. He also asked commissioners to submit

their volunteer time and expenses related to both the Historic Jail and the Preservation Planning projects.

Nominations for officers for 2017 were put forward. Lisa Wertzbaugher was nominated for Chair, Lynn Pruitt was nominated for Co-chair, Mary Beveridge for Secretary and Tom Furlong for Treasurer. All were elected.

Lynn asked commissioners to list all preservation work and training for 2016 so that Lisa can complete the annual report.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, **January 10** at 12 noon at the County Administration building. This is a special meeting to review the plans for Board presentation of the Historic Jail restoration with Doug Steinmetz. The regularly scheduled MCHPC meeting is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, **January 24** at the County Administration building

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Beveridge

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