

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at noon**  
**Muscatine County Administrative Board Room**

(But also Via Zoom using the following link)

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call and Guests**

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

Excused: Bosten, Ochiltree,

Guests: Sandy Stevens Friend of Fairport Fish Hatchery and Dustin Joy from National Pearl Button Center Museum

**Order of Business- Koellner called the meeting to order at 12:PM**

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner – Furlong moved to approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pruitt -Approved
- B. Approval of Minutes- October 13, 2021- Pruitt moved to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Furlong - Approved
- C. Approval of Financial Reports – Daufeldt moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beveridge-Approved

**Old Business**

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

- 1. Updates –
- 2. Friends of the Old Jail fundraising - Beveridge has five letters ready to send to friends requesting donations to the Historic Jail fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine.
- 3. Other Action items - Marketing promotion  
Collins reported that she is working on a drone video for the jail inside and out. She is planning on contacting Mike Nolan, architect to provide the information of what has already been preserved and the planned phases for the future preservation of the building.  
Collins also brought an old movie poster of a silent film titled “the Sheriff of Muscatine (also spelled Muscotine” She may be able to find a copy of the film that was produced by W.H. Productions Co., Kay Bee Union Films  
If the film is not available, the movie poster could be used for promotional material.

Collins discussed placing a camera in the historic jail to be used to capture any paranormal activity.

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

1. Copies sold -Pruitt reported that about 40 copies of the survey have been sold.
2. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches – – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood
  1. MCHPC logo and letterhead – approval by commission (action). A brown oval with a black graduated outline was chosen by the committee and voted as approved by the Commission- Furlong proposed and Beveridge 2<sup>nd</sup> all present for in favor.  
The logo will be used on the signs with the QR codes and on the official letterhead for the Commissions business.
  2. Status of Order of 16 signs from Iowa Prison Industries for Pike Township-Pruitt passed around a mockup of the signs for Pike Township and these will be ordered from Iowa Prison Industries.
  3. Correspondence with landowners – Standard letter with logo/letterhead and example of sign to be installed at properties- Pruitt plans to send the letter to each of the present landowners and also give his contact information in the letter.
  4. Location of documents hyperlinked to the County of Muscatine’s website. The full survey of schools and churches will be split into approximately 6 sections to accommodate the website constraints.
  5. Furlong also announced that Wilton Township will be the next township to install the signs and QR codes.
  6. Dustin Joy offered to carry the survey books for sale at the National Pearl Button Museum.

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

1. **Plaque placement** –all that remains is to set a time and location for the installation.
2. **Nichol’s home – NHR nomination** -grant submitted waiting response.
3. **St. Mary’s Church NHR nomination-** the church has a contract with Jennifer Price moving ahead for submittal of June 2022 state review round and comments.

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

1. **NHR nomination** – the nomination was submitted and received comments for further consideration regarding the depot windows and brick.
2. **Historic 175<sup>th</sup> year sign for CRI & P Depot** This is a work in process. Wording is still being considered.

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

1. **Buildings or Districts to be nominated in 2022**  
Allgood reported that the application was denied for their building and the downtown district. Discussion began for a way the Commission could acknowledge buildings and districts that do not meet the State Historic Preservation standards. This could be something the Commission would recognize as important to the Muscatine County. Criteria would need to be determined. This is something for the Commission to work on in the 2022 Plan.

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

**Sandy Stevens reported on the progress of the Commission and Friend of the Fairport Fish Hatchery...**

1. **Signage** -signs are completed. Bill Riley with the County's IT department is providing 6 QR codes these can reside on the County's website. The Friend's Group may set up their own website using something like Go Daddy. This will be a separate website from the County's website which will be used for all of the MCHPC projects.
2. **Kiosk /Pavilion**- There is still a need for funding of the project. The money for a slab is available from the DNR mitigation. The next step will be to build the pavilion in the style of the pump house. Many of the significant architectural features were salvage for the creation of the pavilion. Still looking for grants and other in-kind sources of funding to leverage the grants. If the project is recognized as eligible for the National Register, then funds may be available from a grant to hire an architect -Trying for a Mt. Dew grant for \$5K to help with incidental expenses.
3. **Mural** -The Houser Street mural was completed by Janet Hoops this week. Stevens has posted photos of the mural on the Friends Facebook page
4. **Trail development** - Composite posts for the north trail will be set this fall and the trail signs will be attached next spring. The south side trail signs will be designed and installed in 2022.

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

A grant application was submitted for a \$15K engineering study.

**J. Plans for 2022/23 - possible action items**

**Items up for discussion in the 2022 Plan for the coming year...**

1. Location of Grange Halls, old Depots, towns no longer in existence in Muscatine County –
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 – 2022
3. Non-existent business that helped make Muscatine County historic economy
4. Establish Historic Recognition criteria for buildings, districts and locations that are important to the County but don't meet the Federal guidelines.

K. Nominating Committee for officers – 2022 (Pruitt and Allgood) A slate of candidates will be submitted for new officers in 2022 at the December meeting.

L. **Upcoming Meeting** – December 8 (Second Wednesday of each month is the standing meeting date)

K. Open Discussion- No discussion.

**Adjourned at 1:21PM**