

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
12 noon, Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
Muscatine County Administration Building  
Muscatine, Iowa**

**Members in attendance (X-present, E-excused, A-absent)**

Lynn Pruitt	X	John Kiwala	E
Michelle Elizondo	X	Joe Harper	X
Bill Koellner	X	Sue O'Donnell	X
Mary Beveridge	A	Nathan Sneath	X
Becky Allgood	X	Chris Brase	X
Ken Snyder	X		

**Visitors:**

**Approvals:**

- A. Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Brase
- B. Agenda approved (Snyder, Harper)
- C. August 19, 2025 minutes approved (Snyder, Harper)

**Old Business:**

- A. **Muscatine County Historic Jail** – The Community Foundation, which hold our Historic Jail donation fund of over \$5,000, requires us to start making expenditures from that fund or close down the project. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of revitalizing that project or closing it down. There was little interest in the group to continue with this project so the group discussed changing the name from Muscatine County Jail Friends Group to Friends of Muscatine County. Pruitt will talk this over with the jail group and get back to us.
- B. **Historic Transportation** – A motion by Allgood and seconded by O'Donnell to move forward with signage for all the rest of the historic transportation sites. Motion Carried. It was moved by Snyder and seconded by Koellner to re-publish the Historic Transportation book. Motion Carried.
- C. **Website Updates** – A discussion was held on updating the MCHPC website. Commission members were asked to send in their historic surveys and sites to Pruitt so that they can be put up on this website.
- D. **Fruit and Vegetable Industry** – It was moved by Koellner and seconded by Elizondo to purchase signage for the sites in the Fruit and Vegetable survey when funding is available. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to publish the Fruit and Vegetable book. Motion carried.
- E. **West Liberty Historic Neighborhood CLG Grant** – Koellner reported that this project is moving right along and that he has thirteen people working on this Intensive Level Survey project which includes 63 homes.

- F. **Underground RR** – Brase sent out a link to a copy of the Underground RR in Muscatine County survey put together by the City of Muscatine Historic Group. Brase will asked the City of Muscatine if we can add this historic document to the MCHPC website. He will report back to us. In addition, we can add the link to the National Underground RR to our website.
- G. **New Projects Survey** – It was discussed to bundle our projects into one multiple listing document as a potential project to apply for the next CLG Grant. This only works for multiple similar projects such as country schools for which already exists a multiple listing in Iowa. A motion was made by Koellner and seconded by Harper to update our Planning for Preservation study for the next CLG grant. Motion carried.

O'Donnell thanked Chris Brase and Lynn Pruitt for putting up the Historic Transportation signs throughout the county.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ noon

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Rebeckah Allgood

Minutes Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_