

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 noon, Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Muscatine County Administration Building
Muscatine, Iowa**

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

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

Approval:

- A. Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Brase
- B. Agenda approved (Harper, Koellner)
- C. September 16, 2025, minutes approved (O'Donnell, Harper)

Old Business:

- A. **Vacant Position** – The commission thanked Nathan Sneath for his time on the MCHP Commission. Brase will fill in for Nathan and take over setting up the Meetings-to-go each month. Brase will go to the next Supervisors meeting and recommend a replacement for Mary Beveridge since she is unable to attend commission meetings.
- B. **MCHPC Charitable Fund** – There is a fund in the Muscatine County Foundation for the Old Jail project. It was moved by O'Donnell and seconded by Koellner to move the fund into the Friends of Historic Preservation Group fund. Motion carried. Snyder moved to put the book sales money into the Friends of Historic Preservation Group fund. O'Donnell seconded. Motion carried.
- C. **Historic Transportation** – The Commission will be purchasing eleven large and sixteen small signs to complete marking the historic sites throughout Muscatine County. MCHPC is working on putting in the historical data for the QR Codes.
- D. **Fruit and Vegetable Industry** – The Fruit and Vegetable historic book was discussed, and it was decided to upload the final report to Amazon and wait until we get the actual cost of the books to put a price on them for resale. There are also twenty historic signs to purchase for this project.
- E. **West Liberty Historic Neighborhood CLG Grant** – Koellner reported that this project is moving right along and that the volunteers are enjoying researching the homes and their abstracts.
- F. **Next CLG Grant** – The CLG Grant information will be open sometime in November and we will be working on a CLG Grant for Updating our Muscatine County Planning for Preservation Survey which could include a multiple listing of all our completed and ongoing projects.

New Business:

- A. **Historic Jail** – A motion was made to purchase an Historic sign with a QR Code for the Muscatine County Historic Jail.
- B. **Preserve Iowa Summit** – The 2026 Preserve Iowa Summit will be in Ankeny on June 2 and 3, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ noon

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Rebeckah Allgood

Minutes Approved Date: ____/____/____ by: _____