

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chad Bennion, President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karl McMullin, Board Member.

Board Members in attendance: Chad Bennion, George Cannon, Karl McMullin, Brad Bennett (phone), Teresa Orton, Maureen Parks, Loren Webb, Ron Carberry, and Jeff Jennings. The nine Board members present constituted a quorum.

3. Minutes of the Board meeting on January 14, 2026, were approved as corrected.
4. Election of Board Offices – Chad Bennion, President
Motion made by George Cannon and seconded by Ron Carberry to accept the current officers as constituted (President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). Motion carried.
Motion was made by Chad Bennion and seconded by Jeff Jennings that Brad Bennett serve as 2nd Vice President. Motion carried.
Officers for 2026-2027 are:
Chad Bennion, President
Loren Webb, 1st Vice President
Brad Bennett, 2nd Vice President
Maureen Parks, Secretary
Teresa Orton, Treasurer
5. Teresa Orton, Treasurer
 - a. Maureen Parks made a motion, seconded by Karl McMullin, to accept the January financial report. Motion carried.
 - b. St. George RAP Tax opens on February 15. Teresa will submit the request for WCHS operating support and projects funding.
 - c. Teresa is researching a Google-like interactive calendar for use by board members to schedule activities and to show due dates of action items.
 - d. Maureen will compile a contact list of all city officials in Washington County to be added to the distribution list.
 - e. The national America 250! quilt block request will be a competition. After the judges (to be determined) choose the quilt block for the national quilt, the remaining quilt blocks will be assembled into a Washington County quilt for display.
 - f. Teresa will talk to Sharon Snow about setting up additional date(s) for perusing photos from the Dixie Photo Shop for identification.
6. Loren Webb, 1st Vice President
 - a. Scheduled four St. George Historic Walking Tours to take place on October 10, 17, 24, and 31. Several media outlets will be contacted to advertise the tours. Jeff said he could do PSAs for the tours.

- b. Scheduled a field trip to Hildale, UT, and Colorado City, AZ on Saturday, May 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – noon.
 - c. Scheduled a Hope Hill Historic District Walking Tour for November 7 to be led by Sharla Brooks Moody.
 - d. Scheduled a St. George Cemetery Pioneer Section Walking Tour for November 17 to be led by LaRee Jones.
 - e. Middleton Monument Marker. Motion was made by Maureen Parks and seconded by Ron Carberry to take no action at this time. Motion carried.
 - f. The Apex Mine Kiosk panels have been installed.
 - g. The LeRoy Wilson/General Steam documents have been scanned and are now being categorized into PDFs. Loren has received more documents about Lee and Viola Rasmussen and is perusing them.
7. George Cannon, Webmaster
- a. Submitted document to Board members, “My Thoughts on the Future of the WCHS Website.” Jeff has some people who could assist with the website. George will contact Justin LeClair to ask about his availability and interest in assisting with the website.
 - b. Teresa will speak with Jesse Stocking about administrators for YouTube and Facebook. The board wishes to have two administrators for the online sites; Brad will be one of the administrators.
 - c. Links for recorded oral histories on YouTube will be on the WCHS website.
 - d. Teresa said the policy for YouTube and Facebook will be refined as part of the Policies & Procedures.
 - e. Teresa will check with Dennis Leavitt about availability for using the courthouse to preview the website.
8. Brad Bennett, 2nd Vice President
- a. Continuing to research venues for Gala 2026.
 - b. Will post photos and narrative on Facebook.
9. Ron Carberry, Board Member
- a. Pat Cundick asked Ron to create an historical record of the stone walls in Leeds. Maureen Parks made a motion that WCHS support the project and Loren Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Chad Bennion, President
- a. Chad made a motion and seconded by Jeff Jennings that board members conduct an inventory of items from the courthouse that are currently stored in the City Administration building. Motion carried.
 - b. Dennis Leavitt has asked to use the Roku TV in the jail area of the courthouse that was acquired by the WCHS via a grant. There will be a written document allowing the usage of the TV with the understanding that UWP will be responsible for the maintenance of such and that use by WCHS is priority.
11. Karl McMullin, Board Member
- a. Karl and Vivian will be responsible for the booth at the various venues to include setup, takedown, and scheduling.
12. Next Board of Directors Meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m., McQuarrie Memorial Pioneer Museum.
13. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.