

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chad Bennion, President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maureen Parks, Secretary.

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

3. Minutes of the Board meeting on February 11, 2026, were not distributed for approval. Maureen Parks, Secretary, will distribute the February 11 Minutes and ask for editing changes. They will be approved at the April Board Meeting.
4. Teresa Orton, Treasurer
 - a. Brad Bennett made the motion, seconded by Karl McMullin, to accept the February financial report. Motion carried.
 - b. St. George RAP Tax Application will be submitted by end of March. The WCHS is requesting \$10,000 for operating support and projects funding.
 - c. The Washington County RAP Tax awarded the WCHS \$10,000 for grant, \$18,000 for Cannon Statue, and funds for the Lynn Clark Photo Collection.
 - d. It was decided the Google calendar will be too cumbersome to use, so the discussion and further research will be dropped.
 - e. The operation of the email Distribution List is critical. It is not currently operating and George has made yet another request to Serverpoint to repair the issue.
 - f. The National America 250! quilt block competition is completed. Eleven blocks were submitted and the one created by Tammy Salzman was selected as the winning block. Teresa mailed the block along with preferred dates for the quilt to arrive in Washington County. The remaining ten quilt blocks will be assembled into a Washington County quilt for display.
 - g. The policy for YouTube and Facebook is still being written. The administrators for the YouTube channel and Facebook now have access. Loren Webb will send the Paul Graf interview to Teresa for posting on YouTube.
6. Loren Webb, 1st Vice President
 - a. Loren would like the WCHS Board to consider designating an Historian to be responsible for compiling the history of the WCHS. This would make it easier for the annual report to be given to the members. Loren volunteered to be the Historian.
7. George Cannon, Webmaster
 - a. Teresa will act as the temporary Webmaster. A subcommittee consisting of George, Teresa, Brad, and Chad was formed. A meeting will be scheduled for the committee members to meet and finalize the RFP for the website provider and to plan the training necessary for transition of the new and old websites.
 - b. George will talk to Justin LeClair to ask about his interest in assisting with the new website.

8. Karl McMullin, Board Member
 - a. Maureen will send a list of attendees at the Community Meetings to Karl so he can recruit volunteers for the various venues where the WCHS booth will be set up.
 - b. A motion was made by Ron Carberry that Karl be charged with purchasing a portable canopy for the WCHS booth not to exceed \$250. Motion was seconded by Brad Bennett. Motion passed.
9. Brad Bennett, 2nd Vice President
 - a. The SunRiver Ballroom is available on September 26 for the 2026 Gala. Brad will check with the caterer to see if his service is available on that date.
 - b. A Bronze Sponsor and a Silver Sponsor have been secured for the Gala.
 - c. A Gala Committee will be formed. Teresa and Loren will solicit gift cards (Brad will design a flyer to be used when asking for gift cards.) and Karl will schedule volunteers. Volunteers will be needed for the gala.
9. Ron Carberry, Board Member
 - a. Ron is continuing to research the histories of the Leeds stone walls as well as those in Silver Reed and Harrisburg.
10. Chad Bennion, President
 - a. Chad, Loren, and Jeanine Vander Bruggen will conduct an inventory of items from the historic courthouse that are currently stored in the County Administration building.
 - b. Chad will set up a meeting with Ian Crow and Marc Mortensen regarding the funds from the historic courthouses to be returned to the WCHS.
 - c. Chad scheduled a meeting with the Trustees of the Lynn Clark Photo Collection regarding the purchase agreement for the acquisition of the Collection.
 - d. Chad, Loren, and Ron will meet for a discussion regarding antiquities and preservation under current multijurisdictional administrative, legislative and regulatory environment.
11. Old Business
 - a. Teresa has the login for the WCHS Facebook account and has volunteered to post information on Facebook.
 - b. Sharon Snow will perhaps publicize at the March Community Meeting when it will be possible to peruse photos from the Dixie Photo Collection.
12. New Business
 - a. The Washington City Historical Society will celebrate the 25th Anniversary and Grand Re-opening of the Museum on Thursday, March 19, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
13. Next Board of Directors Meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m., McQuarrie Memorial Pioneer Museum.
14. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Maureen Parks, Secretary