

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

McQuarrie Memorial Museum

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Loren Webb, 1st Vice President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teresa Orton, Treasurer.

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

3. Minutes –Maureen Parks, Secretary
 - a. Minutes of meeting on March 11, 2026, were approved as corrected.
 - b. Minutes of meeting on February 11, 2026, were approved as corrected.
4. Teresa Orton, Treasurer
 - a. Maureen Parks made a motion to approve the March financial documents; seconded by Ron Carberry. Motion carried.
 - b. Email clients. Research is ongoing due to problems with ServerPoint.
 - c. Washingtons Unite Quilt Project. Twenty-nine of thirty counties in the U.S. submitted blocks. Assembly of the quilt will begin April 19. The WCHS will have the quilt on January 11, 2027, and will forward it to Nebraska to be received by February 7. Advertising will need to be done. Teresa has a Resolution prepared to be presented at a Commissioner's meeting. She would like Board members to be in attendance for a photo when the Resolution is read at a Commissioners' meeting. The local quilt is in the design phase. Ron Carberry volunteered to talk to Washington County cities about displaying the quilt. Pictures and information about both quilts will be on the WCHS website.
 - d. Written policy for YouTube and Facebook as part of Policies & Procedures is in progress.
5. Loren Webb
 - a. Flyer for the field trip to Hildale, UT, and Colorado City, AZ, on Saturday, May 9, was distributed. Suggestions were made for re-design of the flyer. Lawrence Barlow will conduct the tour.
 - b. Teresa Orton made a motion to include in the Policies and Procedures Manual, under the President's Responsibilities, an annual report to be written that will include, but not limited to, the WCHS accomplishments, projects, programs, and balance sheet, to be presented at the Annual Meeting by the President with paper copies to be housed at the DUP Museum and the Washington County Library. Seconded by Karl McMullin. Motion carried.
6. George Cannon, Webmaster
 - a. The subcommittee consisting of George, Teresa, Brad, and Chad is continuing to meet to finalize the RFP for the website provider and plan for training necessary for transition of the new and old websites.
 - b. The hiring of Justin LeClair to work with George on the website identified scope of work for 10 hours at \$50 per hour was approved by the Board members via email.
7. Karl McMullin, Board Member
 - a. Many additional booth volunteers are needed to man the WCHS booth at the Washington County Fair and the Juanita Brooks Conference.
 - b. Karl will purchase a portable canopy for use at different booth venues.

- c. A motion was made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Chad Bennion to allow Karl to have posters printed for display at the booth. Motion carried.
- 8. A motion was made by Chad Bennion and seconded by Teresa Orton that the Board go into Executive Session. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Chad Bennion to accept the proposed offer to purchase the Lynn Clark Photo Collection with funds we have received with the agreement the WCHS will fundraise for the balance owed to acquire the Lynn Clark Photo Collection. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Chad Bennion to move out of Executive Session. Motion carried.
- 9 Chad Bennion
Meetings with city and county officials are ongoing regarding securing a temporary and a permanent location for the WCHS.
- 10. Enterprise CCC plaque. WCHS has collected \$2100. Brad and Lorraine will visit with the vendors and choose which vendor will meet the identified criteria.
- 11. Susie Nilsson suggested via text to Maureen that the WCHS (1) have a representative from each Washington County city who would report via email, or in person, a short report at the Community Meeting about the goings-on in their communities. (2) Have a list of town festivals embedded in the WCHS calendar. (3) Take note of when historical events get state-wide publicity.
Teresa recommended that the Board members travel to a different city for the Community Meeting with the WCHS conducting the meeting and the host city giving a presentation.
- 12. Next Board of Directors Meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m., McQuarrie Memorial Pioneer Museum
- 13. Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.