

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING



PIONEER COURTHOUSE  
APPROVED (October 25, 2023) MINUTES OF  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – 10 AM  
(Includes rewrite of Website Design Paragraph)

Board Members and Community Members present – Brad Bennett, Bobbi Wani-kier, Teresa Orton, George Cannon, Justin LeClair, Tony Allen, Linda Shogren, Milt Hokanson, Pat Cundick, Ron Cundick, Mike Gardner, Lucia Duncan Christenson, Brian Pickett, Chloe Batt, Caitlinn Grimm, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Susan Crook, Suzannah Nilsson, Keith Sackewitz, George Staheli, Richard Kohler, Ian Crowe, Loren Webb

Ian Crowe called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. A

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and introductions were made.

CLARIFICATION FOR PAYMENT – SUSAN CROOK

Susan requested clarification for the payment of \$200 for Richard Kohler for the Utah Tech Job Fair. This was an expenditure paid prior to approval.

WCHS GRANT APPLICATION – RICHARD KOHLER

Richard applied for the Washington County RAP Tax for \$6,000 to be used for the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. Dick is to provide copies of the application to the Board members.

MUSEUM FLYER AND MUSEUM NETWORKING UPDATE – LINDA SHOGREN

Linda reported that she has received funds for the graphics design and printing of 10,000 brochures from Washington County Tourism. The check was for \$4,945 and was given to Ian Crow for deposit. Linda is planning to apply to the St George RAP Tax in February for the distribution of the brochures.

STEPS AHEAD FOR THE SMITHSONIAN PROJECT – JESSE STOCKING

Jesse reported that he is coordinating with Linda Shogren on getting the 16 museums included in the planning for the Smithsonian project. Bobbi Wan-kier and Ron Cundick reported about the plans from the Silver Reef foundation.

OPERATIONS OF THE COURTHOUSE – JEANINE VANDER BRUGGEN

Jeanine announced that the Courthouse operations will be closing on 12/31/23 upon Jeanine's retirement. The City of St. George is planning to make necessary repairs to the foundation of the building and evaluate it for future use. The WCHS, DUP, Arts to Zion and SUP will need to remove their items by that date. The City of St. George has agreed to provide some storage for items that belong to the City. There has been some discussion about creating a committee during renovation to determine the use of the building upon re-opening after the repairs are done. This will be under the direction of the City of St. George.

WEB DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF TWO WCHS WEBSITES – GEORGE CANNON

George reported that he has hired Justin LeClair, an intern from Utah Tech, to help him make corrections to the legacy website. Discussion was held about the need to get a

final project report and costs from Austin Pickett for the new WCHS website. It was asked that a report be made on how the work that has been done complies with the Washington County directive when they gave money to this project. Teresa asked about the scope of work for Justin LeClair and what kind of schedule or timeline has been created for getting the work done. George will provide the scope of work as a prioritized list of tasks to be addressed. Most of them are not the kind of thing that we know how to do and can just go through the motions of cranking them out. Adding photos to the current website is a rote task and very predictable. But we are exploring new ground that involves research, exploring, learning, and experimenting all of which involve unknowns and uncertainty.

#### DISCUSS WCHS FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUEST BY GEORGE CANNON AND RICHARD KOHLER

Dick said he didn't get all the pages of the bank statements and asked Ian to forward all the bank statements. Teresa commented that she had sent the transaction detail to both George and Dick and they shouldn't need the bank statements as well.

#### DISCUSS MATTHEW GODFREY VISIT TO THE COURTHOUSE – LOREN WEBB

Loren has compiled a list of questions that could be used to ask Matthew, from the LDS Church History Department, after his presentation. It was discussed that Matthew's presentation will be much of the monthly meeting time on October 25, but Loren was going to confirm how much time Matthew plans to use. It was decided to send out a notice to the distribution list, membership list and the 16 museums. We think this is going to be valuable information for the community as well as museums.

#### DISCUSS AND PLAN A BUDGET MEETING.

It was decided to change the Board meeting to October 11 at 10 AM at the Courthouse. This meeting will be a budget meeting.

The next Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, at 10 AM, at the Pioneer Courthouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM