

~Meeting called to order 6:00 PM

~Present members: Jerry Casale, Julia Cramer, Marilyn Haddock, Gayward Hendry, Angela Williamson, and staff liaison Carolyn Morgan.

~Absent members: Pat Mueller, Cynthia Stone, and William Randall. Guest was Art Yeaman.

~Open Seats: Presently eight seated members & three vacant seats - District 2, 3 and 4 are open.

~The November 2015 minutes were distributed for review, minor changes and approved.

~Budget 2015/2016: Includes three state markers, and contribution to Penney Farms new History Museum.

~State Markers: ~ Camp Chowenwaw marker celebration is Sunday, March 13th at 2:00pm - Cindy Cheatwood will visit in February to share updates, per Cramer.

~ St Margaret's Episcopal Church & Cemetery, application is almost done, should be end of February, per Cramer and Morgan.

~ Benjamin Lee Field: State application is a work in progress, per Hendry.

~ Augusta Savage birth site/Dunbar High School, Haddock and Randall; and

~ Keystone Heights Pavilion/Town, Williamson and Hart - next budget 2016/2017

~Morgan stated that even though these two are next budget, application should be this year to meet county budget date and Florida state schedule.

~ County Signs: Hendry met with Stephanie Kopelousos, county manger, and it was suggested that we adopt a symbol such as a tree or the county seal for the sign, ideas were discussed, no decision. County local signs will be same size and color to keep consistent - Need to send a listing of the sites requested to county manager per Hendry.

Conversation occurred on seven sites including: 1) St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 2) Halsy Plantation in Lake Asbury, 3) Masonic Lodge in Middleburg, 4) Magnolia Springs Cemetery, 5) Branan Field Airport site, 6) Thunderbolt Training Field & Racetrack, 7) Keystone Army Airfield.

~CCHPB has three open seats: Recruiting new members was discussed for - District 2 Wayne Bolla, 3 Diane Hutchings, and 4 Gavin Rollins are open.

~Bellamy Road established 1824 US Congress; project as a Historic Trail, Morgan

~Other: ~ There was not a meeting in December; a holiday dinner was enjoyed by members.

~ Haddock announced MLK Day N Clay, Jan 18th 8:00am Shiloh Church -- In honor of Lee Bentley, 1st Annual Scholarship for \$1,000.00 - contributions accepted, or \$20.00 reservation includes breakfast.

~ Haddock shared History Month March 2016 – Articles on Clay County History Month, March month-long activities and articles are accepted for publication; deadline is February 3rd.

~ Guest Yeaman announced Veterans Memorial in Historical Triangle, known as TAPS - In honor of Clay County's Veterans who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice; The project is to cost \$45,000.00, there will be fund raisers, contribution are accepted, and engraved bricks will be sold. Memorial Project is progressing along very well. He also said Jackie Slaybaugh has a list of 100 clay tourism activities.

~Next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Historic Courthouse.

~The meeting adjourned at 7:10P.M.

~ Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Haddock, Secretary