



Clay County Historic Preservation Board

August 14, 2014

Present: Julia Cramer, Gayward Hendry, Marilyn Haddock, Cynthia Cheatwood, Carolyn Morgan, Jerry Casale, Cynthia Stone, Pat Mueller

Excused- William Randall

Guest- LaDonna Hart of the Keystone Heights Heritage Commission

Cramer called the meeting to order 7:07 PM

A roster was passed around for members to correct any errors.

Minutes were shared. Stone moved to accept the minutes. Hendry seconded and all unanimously approved.

Stone proposed moving meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of the month instead of Thursday. Cheatwood seconded. Haddock moved to amend the motion to include that the meeting be held at 6PM instead of 7PM. Discussion led to the agreement that the Sept. meeting be held at the Green Cove Springs Administration Building on Sept. 16th at 6 PM. Stone called the question. Vote was unanimous.

Hendry reported that he is ready to complete the marker process for Geiger birthplace marker. Talk was held about family members assisting with the process. Installation will be on church property. Hendry has talked to the Middleburg Baptist Church and obtained the permission to proceed. We are possibly looking at a Jan. dedication.

Stone reported her progress at Ft. Heileman. Mueller, Casale and Stone are working on it. Casale is working on genealogy aspect of the men interred at Ft. Helieman. He had asked Kevin Hooper why certain names were included. Stone confirmed they belong there. Hooper had a list of all that were buried there and all the ones who were moved. Comparing the two lists tells us who is still there. He is looking for the highest ranking officer there who has no relatives so that we can recognize that person to further preserve the dignity of the cemetery behind Ft. Heileman. Getting the officer will open the door to get the enlisted men and militia recognized. Cheatwood suggested the gen. info will be included in any museum that comes to the Budington House.

Casale talked about the redesign of the spring in Green Cove. He is concerned the historical features may be lost in the redesign. There will be a public meeting where it will be unveiled to the public. He suggested we need to find out more beforehand. Haddock said it had been a project for years because of structural problems. This board has no jurisdiction in the town of Green Cove Springs so we cannot influence

change but residents of the town could. Stone moved to create a committee consisting of Casale and Haddock. These would get information in advance of the Sept. public meeting. At the Sept. public meeting, the wishes of the preservation board to honor the spring's history can be represented by Casale or Haddock. Cheatwood seconded. Passed unanimously.

Casale requested a copy of the bylaws. Stone volunteered to send a hard copy by US mail.

Cheatwood reported that the Chowenwaw marker information is complete.

Cramer offered to write a letter to Clay County Historical Society apologizing for the oversight of not mentioning them at the dedication of the marker for Orange Park. Discussion followed as to what contribution was made by the CCHS. Haddock explained that he just was unhappy that he was not recognized as being in attendance. Stone suggested we send flowers to Lee Bentley as he is not well and has been such a faithful friend to history in Clay County. She further suggested a "career achievement" recognition for him. A motion was made that we write a letter to go with the flowers to thank Lee for his career assistance of historical efforts in Clay County. Cramer seconded.

Cramer spoke about the donation of monies for Kevin Hooper's stereographs. The money has been collected and the rare pictures will be stored in the archives.

Discussion of budget ensued. Mueller asked why we were spending so much money for calendars for Black History month. Hendry was opposed to donating because it would be in support of a select group, not the county as a whole. Mueller wanted to see a repeat of the county calendar that highlighted local history which only ran one year.

Stone moved to change the wording in the budget line to "historical calendars". Hendry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Hendry asked for guidance on changing amounts in the budget. Morgan said it can be moved but it takes time. He moved to accept the budget as amended. Stone seconded. All approved.

Cramer brought up training. State training is mid May. Cramer proposed two members attend. Discussion of joining the FI Historic Trust ensued. More preparation is needed for the next meeting.

Article 12 was then mentioned. Everyone will get a copy to read and study. The board postponed further discussion due to the late hour. It will be the first order of business in Sept.

The matter of Ft. Heileman's signs was discussed. Morgan expressed concerns that the information proposed by Stone for the signs might be too strongly worded. The

signs are already made. Stone explained why the wording is as it was written. Casale and Haddock had concerns about content and the appearance of the sign. Stone offered to replace the text at her own expense but maintains that the text is subdued. Casale proposed keeping the Budington House sign, Hendry seconded. All agreed. The county manager will be contacted regarding the text of the Ft. Helieman sign before the board approves installing it with the Budington House. Casale had issues with the truth contained in that sign. Stone is willing to cut the sign down to make it right.

Cramer suggested that members bring any narrative that needs to be submitted to the board's approval before any printing is done. All agreed.

Hendry read the proposed text for Geiger. Stone moved to accept the text with revisions noted and that Cheatwood complete the online application. Cramer seconded. All approved.

Haddock presented an update on the History and Railroad Museum and History Month. The museum is going through renovation so it is closed. The deadline for Clay County information guide is in a few days. Haddock asked the groups if they wanted to write a 5-sentence, one paragraph explanation of their community's history for the history month teaser in the information guide. Stone, Cramer and Cheatwood agreed.

Cheatwood moved we adjourn at 8:55 PM. Stone seconded. All agreed.