

**Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission
July 2, 2018**

Members Present

Kenny Padgett, Chairman
Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman
Jim Weaver

Staff Present

Ursula Richardson, Planning & Development
Sandy Padgett, Secretary

Regular Meeting

Chairman Padgett called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 p.m.; welcoming all in attendance. Minutes from May 7, 2018 meeting were presented for review and approval. Jim Weaver made motion to approve minutes; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye.

Commission Reports

No Commission Reports

Unfinished Business

Chairman Padgett stated parks have been heavily visited.

Georgia DOT brown highway signs have been approved by DNR (letter filed with minutes) and proposal will be filed with Gordon County BOC for their approval. Sarah Husser, Gordon County CVB, and Chairman Padgett will apply for a grant this fall that would provide funds to help pay for the signage. Chairman Padgett stated Friends of Resaca will provide funding and Chairman Padgett will make a proposal to Gordon County BOC for additional funding and approval for signage to be placed. Signs will be directional signs along the interstate directing visitors to Resaca Battlefield, Fort Wayne, Confederate Cemetery and the WPA marker.

Betty Ann Surdykowski made motion to proceed with the next process in obtaining the signage; seconded by Jim Weaver. All voted aye.

Chairman Padgett received letter from Annette Berry, County Clerk, on June 8th regarding updating two bridges on Highway 136. (letter filed with minutes). Bridges are located 11 miles east of Resaca, between Nicklesville and Highway 411. HPC briefly discussed bridge project. Betty Ann Surdykowski made motion to approve updating the bridges; seconded by Jim Weaver. All voted aye.

Chairman Padgett stated cell tower request on Porch Loop has been forwarded to Gordon County BOC and BOC made their ruling on May 7, 2018.

Southern Paranomal group cancelled their visit due to weather and will reschedule for a later date this fall.

New Business

Chairman Padgett congratulated Betty Ann Surdykowski on her reappointment to the HPC.

Chairman Padgett met with Keith King, Assistant to County Administrator, and they discussed a lot of historical issues. Chairman Padgett and Mr. King discussed Certified Local Government and Mr. King will discuss the issue further with County Administrator Jim Ledbetter. Certified Local Government deals with historic preservation and would carry the HPC up to the highest level in the state. Additional training would be mandated through a Certified Local Government for the HPC as well as opportunities to apply for grants only available to Certified Local Governments. Chairman Padgett presented HPC with information regarding Certified Local Governments. Chairman Padgett encouraged HPC to research this. <https://georgiashpo.org/clgs>

Chairman Padgett stated Resaca Battlefield will be receiving some site improvements to consist of the following – gravel sidewalks around loop at the pavilion and to the pedestrian bridge across the creek will be concrete walkways, drainage improvements. Project is expected to be completed within the next month. Gravel removed will be repurposed at other areas in the park.

Ursula Richardson stated the Highway 225 bridge project is complete.

Adjournment

Chairman Padgett stated next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 6, 2018 @ 5:15 p.m.. Jim Weaver made motion to adjourn; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:38 p.m..

Kenny Padgett, Chairman

Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman

Sandy Padgett, Secretary