

Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission
March 7, 2016

Members Present

Kenny Padgett, Chairman
Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman
David Mitchell
Jeff Henderson

Staff Present

Ursula Desrosier, Planning & Development
Sandy Padgett, Secretary

Guests Present

John King, County Administrator
John Ledbetter, County Attorney

Regular Meeting

Chairman Padgett called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.; welcoming all in attendance. Minutes from February 1, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. David Mitchell made motion to accept minutes; seconded by Jeff Henderson. All voted aye.

Commission Reports

Betty Ann Surdykowski made mention of a Battle of Resaca painting that had been found in upstate New York in a storage building.

David Mitchell spoke briefly about the old Sonoraville Post Office that was demolished 2 years ago.

Jeff Henderson visited Gideon Cemetery and observed a large tombstone, approximately 800 pounds, turned over and questioned the HPC with suggestions to have the tombstone upright. Chairman Padgett stated himself and David Mitchell will go look at the tombstone and see what needs to be done to have it fixed.

Chairman Padgett received an email from a lady who wanted to donate part of the pontoon bridge in Resaca. After a little research Chairman Padgett discovered the bridge in question was actually a cast iron horse trough.

John King stated opening for Resaca Battlefield is scheduled for May 13, 2016; invitations will be sent out within the next couple weeks.

Jim Ledbetter, County Attorney, questioned HPC about the owner of the Harmony Church Cemetery, due to an insurance claim that needs to be settled from a previous accident at the cemetery involving a Gordon County Sheriff's Deputy. Chairman Padgett stated the caretaker is Kathy Tippens, he will forward her number to Jim Ledbetter.

Unfinished Business

Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission By laws were distributed to all HPC members. Chairman Padgett asked HPC to briefly review By-Laws. Jim Ledbetter briefly discussed his changes/additions to By-Laws. Betty Ann Surdykowski made motion to approve By-Laws; seconded by Jeff Henderson. All voted aye. (By-Laws on file with minutes)

Memorandum of Understanding document was distributed to all HPC members. (copy filed with minutes) HPC members and Jim Ledbetter briefly reviewed/discussed document. Jeff Henderson made motion to approve; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye.

County Administrator John King expressed his appreciation for the HPC and their hard work.

David Mitchell presented aerial photo of Nelson Cemetery location. David Mitchell researched and discovered the 1972 original subdivision plat where the Nelson Cemetery is located. David Mitchell met with Bruce Manning, Land Surveyor, regarding the cemetery. No owner has been found to be documented for Nelson Cemetery. General Charles Haney Nelson is buried in the cemetery. General Nelson born in Wilkes County in 1796; died in Gordon County in 1848. David Mitchell recommends to the HPC to have Nelson Cemetery cleaned. Chairman Padgett spoke with Harry Russell, Gordon County Sheriff's Office, in reference to having cemetery cleaned. Mr. Russell stated he would be willing to have cemetery cleaned. Jeff Henderson stated Nelson Cemetery property information needs to be researched from first property deed to current property owner. This will assist with property clean up with surrounding property owners' not resisting cleanup process. Chairman Padgett asked Jeff Henderson if he would contact Harry Russell and set up a time to meet with him at Nelson Cemetery.

New Business

Ursula Desrosier presented meeting dates for 2016 calendar year. Changes for July and September first Monday meeting dates were presented with new meeting dates due to holidays falling on first Mondays of those two months. Meeting dates filed with minutes.

Adjournment

Chairman Padgett stated next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 4th, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.. Jeff Henderson made motion to adjourn; seconded by David Mitchell. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m..

Kenny Padgett, Chairman

Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman

Sandy Padgett, Secretary