

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Community Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

McQuarrie Memorial Museum

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chad Bennion, President.
2. Board Members present: Chad Bennion, Loren Webb, Maureen Parks, George Cannon, Karl McMullin, Linda Shogren, Brad Bennett, Teresa Orton, and Jesse Stocking (phone). A Board quorum was present.
Community members present: Vivan McMullin, Ron Carberry, Brady Fronk, Trevor Cox, Lorraine Jones, and Joe Collet.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Loren Webb, 1st Vice President.
4. The Minutes of the Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, will stand as written.
5. Special Projects Committees
 - a. Chad Bennion – Historic Antiquities Preservation. Met with Commissioner Iverson about an ordinance dealing with antiquities preservation in the county. The county committee will reconvene and renew efforts to identify and protect antiquities.
 - b. Brad Bennett – continues to research sites for the gala.
 - c. Loren Webb – conducted his eighth oral history interview for the year 2025 with Sue Stout Cox, a Tuacahn Center of the Arts Board member, on June 24. Previous oral history interviews in 2025 include Gary Esplin, LaRue Dannelly, Kent Perkins, Ralph Lamoreaux, Kelly Mountford, Bob Nicholson, and Kerry Kastler Burt. Since he began conducting oral history interviews in 2021, he has conducted 25 total interviews, 24 of which took place at the Community Education Channel Studios in the Jennings Communication Building on the Utah Tech University campus. His first oral history interview with Rev. Alex Wilkie of the Community Baptist Church, took place at his home, recorded by videographer Mike Gardner. Assisting with interviews were Jesse Stocking Richard Kohler, Ron Carberry, and Brady Fronk.
 - d. Although the CEC will cease to operate June 30, 2025, Loren will have access to continue interviews through June 2026
6. Community Members' Updates on Projects
 - a. Linda Shogren – The Washington City Museum received \$38,000 from Washington City RAP Tax for museum upgrades. *Linda will update the "Museums" brochure with info from Washington County museums and new WCHS logo.* More brochures will be ordered when funding is available. A Quinton Nisson statue will be unveiled on July 4 in Washington City.
 - b. David & Wilhemina Cannon Statue Project – still needs \$33,955.18 having raised \$81,044.82 needed to reach the goal of \$115,000. Installation is scheduled for last week in October 2025.
 - c. Ron Carberry will check with Colliers Commercial Real Estate Firm regarding the fate of the Starlite Dance Pavilion property, which Colliers owns.
 - d. Lorraine Jones received permission from the Enterprise City Council to install a plaque at the City Hall about the CCC activities (1937-1942) in the Enterprise area at an approximate cost of \$800-\$900. The Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum in Enterprise is currently being restored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Teresa has video footage from Mike Gardner and Mike has been paid.
 - b. *Chad will write a letter to the City of St. George questioning the logistics of ownership and development of Webb Hill per information from Joe Collet.*

- c. We are working to contact Marc Mortensen regarding the return of \$14,000 from the closure of the Pioneer Courthouse.

Chad will review the City's budget comparing obligations, bonding, etc., with available funding for projects.

7. Next Community Meeting will be Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Pioneer Museum.

8. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Maureen Parks, Secretary