



Cass County Historical Commission

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MEETING AGENDA

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
60525 Decatur Road
Cassopolis, Michigan

Thursday, June 12 – 5:30 p.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of the Agenda– **ACTION ITEM**
- D. Approval of the May Regular Meeting Minutes – **ACTION ITEM**
- E. Financial Report – **ACTION ITEM**
- F. Bills – May - **ACTION ITEM**
- G. Report from the Chair – New CC Historic Commissioners*
- H. Old Business - REMINDER: Literature racks are now available at Historic Courthouse
- I. New Business -
 - a. Tribute to Jean Schultz Discussion
 - b. Grant Options – Michigan Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity – PLUS!
 - c. UGRR Days – July 13th and 14th
 - d. 2025- Cass County Fair Booth – July 27th – August 2nd
- J. Committee Reports
 - a. Newton House
 - i. May Tea Party Report
 - ii. June Open House Report
 - iii. MSU-Newton House Update
 - iv. Fall Festival Update
- K. Privileges of the Floor
- L. Public Comment

Next Meeting – Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

OFFICERS

Chair- Bernie Williamson ☞ Vice Chair- Darren Bettinger ☞ Secretary/Treasurer- Jane Bergman

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Amy Davidhizer ☞ Dianna McGrew ☞ Christy Olson ☞ Jean Schultz ☞ Nate Robinson ☞ Mary Howie

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jane Bergman, Secretary/Treasurer 20501 Cara Ave. Cassopolis, MI 49031 269-845-1573 Jbergmanand7@yahoo.com Term expires: July 1, 2027	Nate Robinson 52507 Gards Prairie Rd. Decatur, MI 49045 269-228-1045 nerobinson73@gmail.com Term expires: July 1, 2026
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**Note: Yellow highlights reflect Commissioners who will be up for reappointment NEXT year!*

Just an early heads-up! 😊

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FOR GOVERNMENT GROUPS VS. NON-PROFITS

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

National Trust grants are primarily for planning preservation projects, though some special programs focus on preservation planning in particular fields or geographic regions or allow for the funding of physical preservation (“bricks and mortar”) work.

<https://savingplaces.org/grants#.XfwUuXdFzIU>

MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL

(State’s key conduit for arts and cultural information, grant funding and more.)

<https://www.michiganbusiness.org/industries/macc/>

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Through the Certified Local Grant (CLG) program, communities partner with SHPO to plan for, protect, and tell the story of important historic places. In exchange, communities gain special access to exclusive grant funding opportunities, technical assistance from SHPO, and other [benefits](#). **Local units of government are the access point for these grants. (i.e. CCHC)**

<https://www.miplace.org/historic-preservation/programs-and-services/certified-local-government-program/>

THE 1772 FOUNDATION

Historic Properties Redevelopment Programs Grant funding is made available for historic properties redevelopment programs throughout the United States.

<https://www.1772foundation.org/>

MICHIGAN ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

Created in 1998 to provide financial support and recognition to individuals and groups seeking to preserve historic Michigan architecture, the grant is for “bricks and mortar” projects.

<https://michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org/grants/evans-graham-preservation-award/>