

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 5:40p.m.

Board Members Present: Bernie Williamson __X__, Jane Bergman __X__, Darren Bettinger _____, Della Bundle _X_ Derek Carr _____, Amy Davidhizar __X__, Mary Howie _____, Dianna McGrew _____, Nate Robinson ____X____

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bernie Williamson at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Nate Robinson to approve the Agenda, seconded by Della Bundle and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Della Bundle to approve the minutes of September 11, 2025. Seconded by Amy Davidhizar and the motion carried.

Financial Report: The Chair explained that the county did not have the financial report ready for distribution at the time of the Commission's monthly meeting.

Bills: The summary of bills paid was not available at the time of the Commission's monthly meeting.

Report from the Chair: Chairperson Williamson said she had nothing outside of the topics identified in the agenda to bring forward for discussion.

Old Business: There were no items for discussion listed under Old Business.

New Business: There were no items for discussion specified under New Business.

Committee Reports:

The Historic Newton House:

MSU - Newton House Update: There had been no new developments in the communications between the Historical Commission and Michigan State University.

Amy Davidhizar explained that Stacy Camp of MSU's Archeology department and a representative of the Forestry department would be attending the Fall Festival.

Nate Robinson announced that people attending the Fall Festival would be asked to make suggestions of subjects for wood carvings of the remaining tree trunks in the front yard.

Nate also pointed out that it would be advisable to have information on the Newton House available outdoors for people who stop by at times other than the monthly open houses.

Privileges of the Floor: Jane Bergman reminded board members that the Commission still needs to address the painting of the exterior of the Newton House.

Della Bundle informed board members that she had learned from Julie Dye that the Pokagon Band had not yet made decisions on what revisions or additional information they would like to see included on the timeline at the court house.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m
Secretary Jane L. Bergman