



Cass County Historical Commission

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MEETING AGENDA

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP HALL
24725 Jefferson Center Street
Cassopolis, Michigan

**CONTINUED
CHANGE OF
LOCATION!!**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of the Agenda– **ACTION ITEM**
- D. Approval of the April Regular Meeting Minutes – **ACTION ITEM**
- E. Financial Report – April – **ACTION ITEM**
- F. Bills – April - **ACTION ITEM**
- G. Report from the Chair
- H. Old Business
 - a. Broadband at Newton House - Discussion w/MEC, Jennifer R. & Jodi N.
 - b. CCHC Archiving System Update and Next Meeting – Wed., May 27- 5:30 p.m.
 - c. CCH Commissioner Term Expiration
- I. New Business
 - a. Cass County Fair Booth (August 2 – August 8)
 - b. CCHC Budget “Issues” (Discussion)
- J. Committee Reports
 - a. Newton House – Tea Party Update
- K. Privileges of the Floor
- L. Public Comment

Next Meeting – June 11, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

OFFICERS

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

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Amy Davidhizer ⌘ Dianna McGrew ⌘ Della Bundle ⌘ Nate Robinson ⌘ Mary Howie ⌘ Derek Carr

**2026 CASS COUNTY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Jane Bergman, Secretary/Treasurer 20501 Cara Ave. Cassopolis, MI 49031 269-845-1573 Jbergmanand7@yahoo.com Term expires: June 30, 2027	Nate Robinson 52507 Gards Prairie Rd. Decatur, MI 49045 269-228-1045 nerobinson73@gmail.com Term expires: June 30, 2026
Darren Bettinger, Vice Chair 64489 M-62 Cassopolis, MI 49031 574-306-8959 Djbett74@outlook.com Term expires: June 30, 2027	Derek Carr 69089 Maple Street Edwardsburg, MI 49112 Carrderek93@gmail.com Term expires: June 30, 2028
Amy Davidhizar 18525 Warren Rd. Decatur, MI 49045 618-303-3161 amyeast34@gmail.com Term expires: June 30, 2026	Della Bundle 24081 Jefferson Center Street Cassopolis, MI 49031 720-272-8408 jmdellajune@gmail.com Term expires: June 30, 2028
Mary Howie 23768 Davis Lake Street Edwardsburg, MI 49112 574-361-2422 mguljas8491@gmail.com Term Expires: June 30, 2026	Bernie Williamson, Chair 26260 M-60 Cassopolis, MI 49031 269-445-9100 bernie@northstarlandscape.net Term Expires: June 30, 2027
Dianna McGrew 20500 Cara Ave. Cassopolis, MI 49031 269-358-4497 mcgrewassessing@gmail.com Term expires: June 30, 2028	

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 9, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernie Williamson __X__, Jane Bergman __X__, Darren Bettinger __X__, Della Bundle __X__, Derek Carr _____, Amy Davidhizar __X__, Mary Howie __X__, Dianna McGrew _____, Nate Robinson __X__

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bernie Williamson at 5:30pm. The meeting was held at the Jefferson Township hall at 24725 Jefferson Center Street.

Approval of the Agenda: ~~Approval of the Agenda:~~ A motion was made by Mary Howie to approve the agenda. Della Bundle seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Della Bundle to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting of the Historical Commission. Mary Howie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Chairperson Williamson explained that activity from both February and March 2026 was included in the report. Nate Robinson made a motion to approve the financial report. Amy Davidhizar seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bettinger to approve the bills paid in February and March. Della Bundle seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote, it was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Report from the Chair: Chairperson Williamson felt that the topics listed in the agenda were sufficient to cover what she wished to discuss.

Old Business:

Discussion of the Time and Location for Future Meetings: Board members agreed that the Historical Commission would continue to meet at the Jefferson Township Hall and that time for future meetings should remain 5:30 p.m. Mary Howie made a motion to approve the meeting location and time. Vice Chairman Bettinger seconded and the motion carried.

Broadband at the Newton House: Board members discussed the advantages of contracting for broadband services at the Newton House. Potential advantages include the ability to add security cameras, having internet access at the site, and phone service as well. Members agreed that this would be preferable to the existing services. Nate Robinson made a motion to permit Chairperson Williamson to seek approval for the Historical Commission to contract for broadband services. Amy Davidhizar seconded the motion. A roll call vote revealed unanimous support.

Proposed Archiving System and Options to Collaborate with the County's History-Focused Groups: Chairperson Williamson advised board members that both the Historical Society and the Edwardsburg Museum had received grants for purchasing archiving systems. She explained that it would be advantageous to identify and agree upon a system that could be used by both entities and by the county's other history-focused groups as well. To that end, she suggested that the Historical Commission seek to schedule a consortium meeting with representatives from the major history-focused groups to assess their needs and preferences for an archiving system. Members agreed that this could be scheduled as an after-hours Zoom meeting. Chairperson Williamson will contact the organizations and attempt to set up the meeting.

Space in the Historic Courthouse Annex: Chairperson Williamson explained that Administrator Renfro remains hesitant to assign space in the annex. Board members discussed the need to develop a presentation that could be used to update the County Commissioners and the Administrator on all the important efforts that the Historical Commission is involved in.

New Business: Nothing specific under new business was brought up for discussion.

CCHC Commissioner Term Expiration - Requests for Reappointment:

Chairperson Williamson reminded board members of the procedure for making a request to be reappointed to the Historical Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Secretary, Jane L. Bergman

#3 - FUND 270 – HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES ~ CHECK DETAIL

BUDGET ~ \$7,500*

DATE	PAYMENT RECIPIENT	DEBITS /CREDITS	CHECK / ACH
		0.00	
	TOTAL AVAILABLE AS OF 08.31.2025	5,523.67	
09.12.2025	ADAMS MOWING & TRIMMING	-480.00	1205701
09.26.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-111.76	27065(A)
09.26.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-59.87	27065(A)
09.30.2025	JEREMIAH FULKS (NEWTON HOUSE TREES)	-5,000.00	30513
09.30.2025	W.B. HAYDEN & SONS (REFUND???)*	+47.98	20252726
09.30.2025	ADMIN. TRANSFER IN*	+100.00	30516
END OF 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL ROLL-OVER BALANCE AS OF 09.30.2025	20.02	
10.01.2025	1 ST QTR. TRANSFER IN	+1,750.00	30454
10.07.2025	DONATION	+10.00	20260033
10.22.2025	BOOKS / MAPS SALES / SCHULTZ DONATION	+370.00	20260137
10.22.2025	BOOKS / MAPS SALES	+35.00	20260137
10.24.2025	DELLA BUNDLE	-34.00	1206115
10.24.2025	JANE BERGMAN	-34.00	1206138
10.24.2025	NATE ROBINSON	-34.00	1206161
10.24.2025	BERNIE WILLIAMSON	-34.00	1206173
10.24.2025	AMY DAVIDHIZAR	-34.00	27198(A)
10.24.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-115.89	27219(A)
10.24.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-60.31	27219(A)
11.07.2025	ADAMS MOWING & TRIMMING	-400.00	1206235
11.07.2025	ADAMS MOWING & TRIMMING	-160.00	1206235
11.21.2025	MARY HOWIE	-34.00	1206363
11.21.2025	JANE BERGMAN	-34.00	1206365
11.21.2025	NATHAN ROBINSON	-34.00	1206395
11.21.2025	BERNIE WILLIAMSON	-34.00	1206412
11.21.2025	DIANNA MCGREW	-34.00	27384(A)
12.05.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-108.18	27462(A)
12.05.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-60.31	27462(A)
12.05.2025	MIDWEST ENERGY	-647.92	27462(A)
01.01.2026	TRANSFER IN – GENERAL FUND	+1,750.00	
01.02.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-116.74	27605(A)
01.02.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-752.42	27605(A)
01.02.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-60.31	27605(A)
01.16.2026	DELLA BUNDLE	-34.00	1206860
01.16.2026	DEREK CARR	-34.00	1206863
01.16.2026	DARREN BETTINGER	-34.00	1206881
01.16.2026	MARY HOWIE	-34.00	1206895
01.16.2026	JANE BERGMAN	-34.00	1206899
01.16.2026	BERNIE WILLIAMSON	-34.00	1206597
01.16.2026	AMY DAVIDHIZAR	-34.00	27653(A)
01.16.2026	DIANNA MCGREW	-34.00	27675(A)

01.30.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-123.10	27757(A)
01.30.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-60.21	27757(A)
02.18.2026	DEPOSIT (HISTORY LIBRARY BOOK SALES)	+110.00	20261710
02.27.2026	DELLA BUNDLE	-34.00	1207251
02.27.2026	DARREN BETTINGER	-34.00	1207269
02.27.2026	MARY HOWIE	-34.00	1207278
02.27.2026	JANE BERGMAN	-34.00	1207280
02.27.2026	NATE ROBINSON	-34.00	1207307
02.27.2026	BERNIE WILLIAMSON	-34.00	1207323
02.27.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-128.37	27919(A)
02.27.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-1,489.00	27919(A)
02.27.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-59.82	27919(A)
03.27.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	-111.12	28092(A)
03.27.2026	MIDWEST ENERGY	- 59.82	28092(A)
04.01.2025	TRANSFER IN	+1,750.00	30907
	TOTAL AVAILABLE FOLLOWING TRANSFER IN	465.50	
04.24.2026	DELLA BUNDLE	- 34.00	1207774
04.24.2026	DARREN BETTINGER	- 34.00	1207791
04.24.2026	MARY HOWIE	- 34.00	1207814
04.24.2026	JANE BERGMAN	- 34.00	1207816
04.24.2026	NATE ROBINSON	- 34.00	1207853
04.24.2026	BERNIE WILLIAMSON	- 34.00	1207879
04.24.2026	AMY DAVIDHIZER	- 34.00	28234(A)
	TOTAL AVAILABLE AS OF 04.30.2026	227.00	

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