

**Union County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2013**

The Union County Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room located in the historic Union County Courthouse, Monroe, North Carolina.

Present: Dale Loberger, Chip Long, Crystal Crump, Barbara Moore,
Danny Stegall, Jane Ellickson
Absent: Dr. Jerry Surratt, John Dickerson
Also Present: Mary Lou Gamble, Staff; Virginia Bjorlin, Historical Society

The meeting was called to order by Dale Loberger, Vice-Chairman.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Loberger asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 3, 2013 meeting. There were none. Mrs. Moore made motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report

Mrs. Gamble said that City of Monroe has sent their appropriation for the first quarter of the budget year and Union County sends its appropriation by direct deposit to BB&T. The financial report was presented and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Loberger asked members to refer to a copy of a letter that he has drafted regarding future exhibits in the historic courthouse. Mr. Loberger commented on the contents of the letter. Mrs. Moore asked about waiving liability insurance should the exhibitor choose to and show proof that the items are insured while on exhibit. Mrs. Moore asked if the exhibitor would have the option to waive the liability insurance requirement for the county and himself/herself. Mrs. Moore suggested that the exhibitor provide a legal document waiving all responsibility and liability to the County or provide documentation that there is insurance coverage on the items displayed. Mr. Loberger said that if the items on exhibit are covered or the insurance is waived, there is no need to state the value. Mr. Loberger added that Dr. Surratt has read the letter and suggested that approval of the letter be deferred until the February meeting. Mrs. Moore made motion to defer action until the meeting in February. Mrs. Ellickson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Mr. Loberger referred to the study list of properties that may be considered for recommendation for designation. Mrs. Gamble compiled the list from files dating back to the early 2000's and she described each category on the list referring to specific properties. Mrs. Gamble said that once properties have been selected by the commission, the owner will be contacted and given an application. Paul Fromberg, at NC Archives and History, will then be contacted to schedule a visit to

see the property and give an opinion about its significance. The cost of preparing the report will be divided between owner and UCHPC. Mrs. Moore mentioned that she has approached three individuals in the past concerning the designation of Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel, NC. The minister has expressed concern that designation will prevent growth of the church. Mrs. Gamble asked Commission members to add any other properties that could be considered.

Other Business

Mrs. Bjorlin reported that she was interested to read that Craig Fox, Facilities Division Manager, Union County, was proceeding with a study on the historic courthouse. On behalf of the Union County Historical Society, she plans to schedule an appointment with Mr. Fox with suggestions to present an architect who may be hired for the study. The Historical Society also suggests setting up an organization for the museum. Mrs. Bjorlin has met with Mark Watson, Personnel Director for Union County, who suggested the society follow the library plan for organization. She plans to meet with Cindy Coto, County Manager, in January 2014 with a detailed list of cost of setting up a museum organization. Mr. Watson suggested that she talk with Mrs. Marty Smith, head of Union County Cultural Resources in Union County.

Mr. Loberger announced that the next meeting will be February 6, 2014.

Mr. Long motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Ellickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Dale Loberger, Vice-Chairman