



TRENTON-DADE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Public Meeting Room
Dade County Government Administrative Building
71 Case Avenue, Room 259
Trenton, Georgia 30752

MINUTES

This document is tentative until ratified and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission; and therefore, shall not be binding on the county or any officer.

Scheduled date for ratification: February 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Street called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL ~ COMMISSION MEMBERS

Donna Street, Chairperson	PRESENT	County Representative
Audrey Clark, Vice Chair	ABSENT	City Representative
Rex Blevins	PRESENT	County Representative
Sarah Moore	PRESENT	County Representative
Cindy Richie	ABSENT	City Representative

Chairperson Donna Street announced a quorum of Commission members present, and therefore a legal meeting was called to order and in session.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ted Rumley, County Executive	ABSENT	<i>Ex-officio member for Dade County</i>
Alex Case, Mayor of Trenton	ABSENT	<i>Ex-officio member for City of Trenton</i>

COUNTY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Don Townsend, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	PRESENT
Carey Fauscett-Anderson, Public Information & Relations	PRESENT
William Back, Executive Director of Economic Development	PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Street called for any changes to the agenda, hearing no other changes the Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sarah Moore moved to approve the agenda, and Commissioner Rex Blevins seconded the motion on the floor. The Chair called for approval of the agenda by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented:

Motion made by: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Seconded by: Mr. Rex Blevins
Those voting in favor: 3 – Blevins, Moore, Street
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

READING OF MINUTES

Chairperson Donna Street announced the reading of the minutes from the previous regular meeting of the Trenton-Dade County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held on December 10, 2019 would not be necessary since all commissioners were provided an electronic copy of the minutes prior to today's meeting. The Chair called for any corrections to the minutes, whereas Commissioner Rex Blevins attendance was changed from absent to present. The Chair entertained a motion to accept the minutes as amended by Mr. Don Townsend, Recording Secretary of the HPC. Commissioner Rex Blevins moved to approve the minutes as amended, and Commissioner Sarah Moore seconded the motion on the floor. The Chair called for approval of the minutes by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved the minutes as recorded:

Motion made by: Mr. Rex Blevins
Seconded by: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Those voting in favor: 3 – Blevins, Moore, Street
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

There were no applications presented or decisions pending at today's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Street called on Mr. Don Townsend to make a report regarding the architectural and engineering design plans regarding the old courthouse building. Mr. Townsend stated Mr. Bruce Case met with Mr. Ted Rumley and himself on December 27, 2019 and made additional changes to the plans by adding additional lighting in office space and adding a doorway between the old judge's chamber and jury room to serve as a food prep area in addition to a conference room. Mr. Case agreed to make those updates and redraw the plans for further review. No official action was required or taken.

Chairperson Street called on Mr. Russell Brown to announce the amount of funds collected from this year's calendar sales. Mr. Brown was unaware that he was to make a report, but would collect that data and make a full report at the February 11, 2020 meeting. No official action was required or taken.

Chairperson Street announced the Historic Preservation education event has been postponed until June or July since the commission meeting room will be in use by the Board of Elections for the Presidential Preference Primary and 2020 General Primary Election. No other official action was required or taken.

Chairperson Street reviewed a written proposal from Mr. Orion Kroulek, CEO of Cumberland Applied Research Associates, Inc. (CARA) seeking \$6,612.00 additional funds to complete 169 resources located within the City of Trenton. If approved these additional resources will be contained in one single historic survey report compared to two survey reports completed over different timeframes. Commissioner Sarah Moore moved to seek the \$6,612 additional funds from the City of Trenton and Dade County Commission to complete the historic survey of the City of Trenton using CARA to perform the work. Commissioner Rex Blevins seconded the motion. The Chair called for approval of the motion on the floor by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented:

Motion made by:	Mrs. Sarah Moore
Seconded by:	Mr. Rex Blevins
Those voting in favor:	3 – Blevins, Moore, Street
Those opposed:	0 – N/A
Decision:	Passed by unanimous vote

Chairperson Street announced we have received award notification for the Georgia Heritage Grant application originally applied for to the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) on June 28, 2019. The HPD announced the award to the HPC on December 18, 2019 for an award amount of \$20,000. These funds are designated to begin work on the old courthouse's roof substructure. Mr. Townsend noted he would proceed to issue a request for proposal document to begin collecting proposals to present to the Board of Commissioners on this project. No official action was required or taken.

Chairperson Street called on Mr. Townsend to review the upcoming grant application due February 1, 2020. The Board of Commissioners approved resolution (R-06-20) at their last regular commission meeting on January 2, 2020. This is a joint resolution between the County and City of Trenton to authorize the Trenton-Dade County Historic Preservation Commission to submit an application for 2020 certified local government (CLG) historic resources survey and planning grant to begin phase 2. Phase 2 would commence toward north Dade and begin in New England headed northward to Wildwood, Georgia. Depending on the estimated costs associated with phase 2, it may be necessary to divide the northern portion of Dade County into two separate phases. Mr. Chris Howell is currently working on a map that will contain possible historic structures that qualify for entry into the State's GNAHRGIS system. Mr. Townsend noted we are awaiting to hear if the City of Trenton approved this same resolution at their regular monthly meeting last evening. Mr. Townsend has roughly completed the grant application, but

requested Miss Donna Street and Mr. William Back to finalize the application along with collection of the required 'letters of support'. No official action was required or taken.

Chairperson Street noted on the Southern Company – Georgia Power Company Grant to proceed with asking Georgia Power to perform an energy assessment of the old courthouse building after plans have been provided by Mr. Bruce Case. This may expedite a future grant application to replace the HVAC system in the building. Mr. William Back agreed to contact Ms. Bentina Terry who works for the Southern Company's Economic Development division to request her assistance with this evaluation. No official action was required or taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Street called for any new business. Mrs. Carey Fauscett-Anderson brought to the members attention a possible solution for the recent announcement by the State's reduction of GDOT funding for the City's Street Scape grant. She noted *HGTV* was sponsoring a *Total Town Renovation* and agreed to make further inquires as to how they may be interested in the City of Trenton as a candidate for funding. Some of these resources might be used for landscaping planed around the exterior of the old courthouse and general town square area. Mrs. Anderson stated she would like to discuss further with Mayor Alex Case before moving forward with this idea. No official action was required or taken.

Mrs. Fauscett-Anderson and Mr. William Back also announced that members of the community had been meeting regularly and have voted to organize a new Trenton-Dade County Chamber of Commerce. There will be more news following the formal announcement in the near future. This group is very much interested in preserving our City and County's rich history, so they too will be a wonderful partner on future grants and ventures. No official action was required or taken.

Chairperson Street called for any new business. Hearing no further business to discuss, the Chair announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Trenton - Dade County Historic Preservation Commission would take place on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to be held in the Commissioners' public meeting room located inside the Dade County Administrative Building.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn, whereas Commissioner Sarah Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Rex Blevins seconded the motion. The Chair gaveled the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as recorded,

Mr. Don Townsend, Recording Clerk to the
Trenton-Dade County Historic Preservation Commission
and County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of
Dade County, Georgia