

Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission

420 South Raleigh St. Martinsburg, WV 25401

August 25th, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 4:00pm

Roll Call: Susan Crowell, David Michaels, Eddie Gochenour

Phone: Chris Cox

Absent: Cem Martin

Public: None

Reports:

Secretary Report: David Michaels moved to accept the report, seconded by Susan Crowell. Susan Crowell and David Michaels vote "aye." Eddie Gochenour and Chris Cox abstain. Motion carries.

Treasurer Report: David Michaels provided treasurer report which included an overall balance of \$6571.10. A check for 4345.10 is pending, leaving an effective balance of \$2226. Chris Cox moved to accept the report, seconded by Eddie Gochenour. Unanimous vote of, "aye."

Chair Report: Susan received letters from family about John Burns cemetery in Liberty Run, cemetery is designated as green space in planning, though fence has been removed. Susan to visit again to check status. MOU exists between Burns family and developers to maintain integrity of cemetery. No upcoming historical issues coming up on planning commission agendas. County has a new link for a GIS map, link available. VM received for info about "rocks and stones", Susan directed to NCTC. WV Historic Property Inventory forms being updated to be easier to use. Susan submitted a survey to provide feedback. Meredith Dreistadt acting as SHPO director, Susan Pierce retired. No update on appropriated funds for Cool Springs project. County funds are coming in September.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Harlan Springs Rd/RT 9 Roundabout: Section 106 review requested. Lots of new construction. David Michaels made a motion for Susan to send a letter of support, citing no historical changes being made, seconded by Chris Cox. Motion carried with unanimous vote of, "aye."
- RT 11/Fish Hatchery Rd Section 106: Dept of Highways found unknown items and called in archaeology team, headed by Benjamin Stewart. Focusing on south end of the bridge on both sides, investigating house remains.

Adjourn: Chris Cox to adjourn at 4:20pm, seconded by David Michaels. Unanimous vote of, "aye."

Next Meeting: September 22nd, at 4:00pm