

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION

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The Public Records Commission met Monday November 10, at 12 o'clock in the Adult Education Classroom of the Haywood County Courthouse for a special called meeting.

1). The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Hayes. Those present were Linda Hayes, Kathryn Horn, Mary Priddy, and Terry Thornton. A quorum was determined.

A motion was made by Terry Thornton to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mary Priddy and the motion passed.

2) Linda reported that Peter Maher was once again suing Haywood County. The suit is alleging the violation of his 1st and 14th Amendment Rights. Haynes Russell is his lawyer. Part of the suit claims that he was denied access to speak at the March PRC meeting. The names of all PRC members were requested by Mr. Russell. Linda is gathering all requested information.

- Chairman Hayes reported that there are Director's chairs available for purchase From The Mustard Seed for \$25.00 each. The chairs were being replaced by the Brownsville Utility Department. There is also a small table that might be useful at the Archives. Kathryn Horn made a motion that we purchase 10 chairs and the table from the Mustard Seed for a total of \$275.00. the motion was seconded by Mary Priddy and passed.
- Mayor Livingston informed Chairman Hayes that he intends to appoint a 5 member committee which will be known as The Museum Committee. It would include The Haywood County Museum, Dunbar Carver Museum, The Delta Heritage Center, and The Haywood County Archives. Chairman Hayes expressed her opinion that the Archives already reports to the PRC and to the mayor and does not need another supervisory board. Linda has spoken to Jim Duke and Robert Rooks about this plan. A summary of the Mayor's plan was presented and is attached. There would be an employee hired to open these locations for 20 hours a week at \$15.00 per hour. Linda suggested that she be appointed as County Archivist with the intent of opening the Archives to the

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public for specific hours, after the Archives are complete. Terry Thornton made a motion to recommend to the Mayor and County Commission that Linda Hayes be appointed County Archivist. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Horn. The motion passed. The recommendation was signed by those present and will be presented to Mayor Livingston.

- The PRC has received the TN250 grant written by Linda Hayes for the amount of \$18,140.00. It has been brought to the attention of John Purifoy to be presented to the Budget Committee for approval for us to receive the money. Then it will go before the County Commission and the Mayor. There is required Donor Recognition that comes with the Grant. Linda is setting up the required recognition which will include but is not limited to a banner by Chris Morey with their logo and required wording, a press release from Senator Walley for The States Graphic, and their logo on our letterhead. All of those present agreed that this task comes under the County Archivist's responsibilities.
- Linda reported that the first attempt at shredding the approved documents presented a challenge. The paper documents were observed being shredded but the hard cover books of receipts would not go through the shredder. They are being securely stored and will be burned at a future time.
- Linda informed us that she attended the Heritage Initiative in Jackson TN and it was very informative.

Terry Thornton made a motion to adjourn. Mary Priddy seconded and the motion passed. Our next regular meeting will be on November 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thornton , Secretary

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