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Historical Preservation Committee Meeting

Chairman Kaden Nelms
Second Floor Conference Room – McKenzie Building
Monday, June 8, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Kaden Nelms, Circuit Clerk Linc Hobson, County Clerk John Ackerman, Russ Crawford

Others Attending: Chairman Brett Grimm
Community Development Administrator Jaclynn Workman

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER HOBSON** to approve the January 14, 2026 meeting minutes

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION: **America 250**

County Clerk John Ackerman stated that we have been asked to participate in the Sharing of the Spirit of America. He stated that on July 8th at 6:00 p.m. (EDT) there will be a synchronized reading of the Declaration of Independence. He stated that Peoria, Bloomington, and several other communities are participating in this. He stated that there would be no cost for this.

Chairman Brett Grimm questioned who asked the County if they would like to participate. County Clerk Ackerman stated that he received an email with the information. He stated that it is being organized by the Hawaii America 250 Effort. He stated that he would share the email with the committee.

Member Russ Crawford suggested asking the County officers and County Board Members if they want to participate.

Chairman Grimm suggested taking this to executive committee then to full board to ask if anyone would like to participate.

County Clerk Ackerman suggested booking the Courthouse now for this event and advertising it to the public in advance. He also suggested having a sign up sheet on board night for members to sign up to participate in the event.

The committee members agreed that, due to possible inclement weather or if the ongoing landscaping project creates access concerns, the event will be held inside the Courthouse.

Chairman Nelms questioned if we would need a resolution for this. Chairman Grimm stated that will not be necessary.

Community Development Administrator Jaclynn Workman stated that at this time they do not have anything planned with the TEAM group for America 250. She anticipated doing something with the County's bicentennial next year.

DISCUSSION: County Bicentennial

Community Development Administrator Jaclynn Workman stated that they had discussed a street event and start with a fun day with possible food trucks. She stated that this would occur sometime next year.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that he did get facilities taken care of if we do the rotating county board meetings next year. He stated that these would take place in Hopedale, Mackinaw, and Tremont.

Chairman Grimm voiced his concern that the bicentennial logo had been given out to businesses without prior approval.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that the bicentennial logo is community artwork that is available for businesses to utilize.

Administrator Workman stated that TEAM meetings are the first Wednesday of the month.

Circuit Clerk Linc Hobson stated that he suggests that the TEAM members discuss this first then Administrator Workman can bring their thoughts back to the committee to discuss.

The members agreed that this would be an event for employees as well as the public.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that time is becoming limited and that preparations and organization need to begin as soon as possible. He noted that, because this would be an outdoor event, it would be most appropriate to hold it in June or July 2027. He further stated that, with the event approximately one year away, planning efforts should begin promptly.

Chairman Grimm questioned the status of removing items from the walls in the Courthouse and McKenzie buildings to determine what will need to be reinstalled following the painting and remodeling project. He noted that there are only a few months remaining before the painting work is scheduled to begin.

Chairman Nelms stated that the committee had been focusing on several other issues but believed it was now time to begin addressing this matter.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that he will work on an inventory list of wall items at the Courthouse and McKenzie Building and provide a spreadsheet to the committee.

The committee agreed that the next scheduled meeting should take place next week.

Chairman Nelms recessed the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)