

**Cross County Historical Society
Board Meeting**

January 21, 2010

At 6:10 Carol Brown called the meeting to order:
The following board members were present:

Carol Brown, President
Donna Horton, Vice President
Michelle Slabaugh, Treasurer
Libby Washington, Secretary
Richard Hartness, board member
Phyllis Searcy, board member
Florence Halstead, board member
Johnny Wilson, board member

Three guest were: Holly Mercer, Bridget Hart, and George Anne Draper.

Carol said that as Holly Mercer from the library needed to leave early, she would move her to the top of the agenda. Carol then explained the museum's desire to have the material from the Jimmy James Collection moved to the museum as soon as possible. She pointed out that the material was the property of the Cross County Historical Society. Holly said she didn't think the library board had been updated about the museum. When the library board meets February 11th, Holly said she would update the board about the material.

Libby Washington read the minutes and Michelle Slabaugh gave a report on finances from November to today (January 21, 2010). She reported on a check from Wal-Mart in honor of Jerry Brown for \$3,500. Donna Horton made motion to approve as read.

Carol thanked Bridget Hart for her work on the newsletter. She said that David Link had e-mailed her with positive comments about it.

Carol then handed out Shelly's report, ask the board to read it, and tell her of any suggestions by the end of the month (January). She also asked for volunteers to do a tape log for Shelly's use. When no one immediately volunteered she said she would send out an e-mail to members asking for help. Michelle said she had a Cross County P.O.W. tape by interviewer Renate Rosenthal Campbell.

In discussion of future programs, Libby Washington reported that the committee planned a program by the Wynne School students on Oral Histories for April. On May 15, Rachel Silva would do a walk downtown, sponsored by the Cross County Historical Society. Also the Fund Raising Committee would talk about whether to have a lunch or reception afterwards.

Under discussion of money from the County, Carol said the county had given the museum its regular \$6,000 but none for repairing the north east room. The County judge said we needed two bids for electrical work and Carol would call BSI for another bid.

Carol asked that the \$3,500 Wal-Mart Grant in honor of Jerry Brown be used to fix up the north east room. No one has followed through with the needed Fire Inspection.

It was decided that the museum would push to get money for electrical needs of the room at February Quorum Court Meeting. Also to call Lynn Blake about fire inspection. We would hold the grant money until we got \$8,500 from the Quorum Court.

Michelle and Carol talked about a Heritage Resources grant for \$150,000 to use for the building exhibits from the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

The condition of the large storage room was discussed. Carol said there was a place in Jonesboro that she would check on for second hand shelving. If not, we could order them. The place also had filing cabinets we could buy cheaply. She wanted to have three rows of shelving—one on each side and one in the middle. We would need to paint wooden shelves, if purchased, with latex.

We need rules for controlling access and checking out materials from the archives.

Carol then asked Bridget Hart and George Anne Draper for comments. George Anne was concerned that her membership check from August had not come through the bank yet. Michelle said that some checks had appeared in her folder that were not there earlier. Mrs. Halstead said she had found them in another place in the small storage room. We need to cover where to put money with the ladies who work at the museum.

Bridget also stated that museum needs to have one and the same person here every day for continuity. Carol said that Hope was working on getting material for each community, such as Hickory Ridge, Cherry Valley, etc. gathered. Carol also said she would start checking on the daily log of what each person had done more carefully.

Bridget thanked the museum for purchase of "publisher" computer program for her to do the newsletter.

She asked that the New Hope School be allowed to request money from the county endowment fund this time. They want to hire a man to straighten the building walls. Johnny Wilson made motion to let New Hope apply for the grant.

A conversation on the need for a new multi-use machine (scanner, copier, etc.) for the office led to Carol saying she would look for one and, if found, we would vote on-line.

Bob Kittrell told Carol we needed to have the museum store opened during programs when a number of people were present. Once we get electricity it was thought we could open that part quickly.

Michelle spoke about the new history book of Cross County that AP Acclaim Press would publish by end of this year. We would not receive any money until 2011 but would get 5% of the \$54.95 pre-orders. The company would bear all of the cost and the museum's responsibility would be to serve as a collection point for the material. Any Cross County family could put an article of so many words with one photo in the book, but would have to pay for a larger amount. The company will send out brochures in March. We want to have them for the 2012 county sesquicentennial.

Richard stated that he wanted to do some flag waving for Martin Smith and his presentation at Tuesday's National Veterans Cemetery program.

Meeting was adjourned.