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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**June 14, 2016, 4:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order, Chairman Ellen Pratt Harris:**

The Transylvania County Joint Historic Preservation Commission met at a regularly scheduled time in a special location, Mud Dabbers Pottery. Members attending were Ellen Pratt Harris, John Huggins, Marcy Thompson, Jeff Mills, Jeff Carter, Lauren Wise and Aaron Bland. Staff members present were Joy Fields, County Planner and Mark Burrows Planning and Community Development Director. Rick Lasater and Betty Sherrill were absent (excused). Community members in attendance included Mrs. Huggins and Mrs. Carter. Jennifer Cathey, Restoration Specialist with the State Historic Preservation Office also attended the special meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Ellen recommended changing the agenda to have new business discussed before the presentation and tour. Lauren Wise made a motion to approve the modified agenda and April 12, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Mills and carried unanimously

**III. New Business:**

- a. Nominating Committee – Ellen Harris, current Chairman appointed Lauren Wise, current Vice Chair and Marcy Thompson, current secretary, to the nominating committee and asked that they obtain information from each of the JHPC members regarding their interest in being Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for JHPC. This information will be very helpful with the flow of the July 12, 2016 meeting where JHPC officers will be elected.
- b. Allison Deaver House –
  - Ellen Harris reminded JHPC members of the Historic Preservation Pass-Through Grant that JHPC had applied for in support of the Transylvania County Historical Society's efforts to fund urgently needed repairs to the Allison Deaver House. JHPC has not been notified of the status of the Historic Preservation Pass-Through Grant awards. JHPC had previously agreed to match up to \$1,000 of the grant funds with JHPC budget funds which are available until the end of June at which time they will go into the general fund balance. Next year's JHPC budget will not have the funds available to match grant funding for the Allison Deaver House repair work.
  - Jeff Carter made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the current JHPC budget to the Transylvania County Historical Society for urgent repairs to the Allison Deaver House. Jeff Mills seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


**IV. Old Business:**

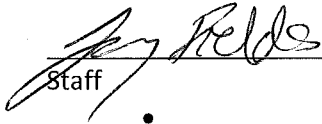
Dunn's Rock Crossing Presentation and Tour –

- Dr. Keith Parker provided a short PowerPoint presentation inside the main building of Mud Dabbers Pottery which used to be the Old Powell's Store and is an example of a restored and maintained historical structure. History of the store was highlighted along with the history of the Greenville Turnpike, the Dunn's Rock Bridge that crossed the French Broad River, the historic hotel and historical families.

- Following the general presentation on the development of the Dunn's Rock Crossing area, Dr. Keith Parker led JHPC around the Mud Dabbers historic site which includes the store, the out buildings and the spring house. The group then crossed Greenville Highway and visited the historic markers, saw the house that is sitting on the foundation of the old hotel and saw the dry crossing culvert built out of stone. History of the neighboring barn and other historic buildings was also discussed.
- V. **Adjourn:** With the time of 5:05 and a storm brewing, John Huggins made a motion to adjourn and Jeff Mills seconded the motion which carried. The meeting adjourned around 5:05 PM. The next meeting is **Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm** in the Community Service Building conference room.

MINUTES APPROVED,

 8-9-2016  
Ellen Harris, Chairman Date

 8-9-16  
Staff Date