



## Courthouse Preservation Committee (CPC)

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### AGENDA

**Courthouse Preservation Committee  
Thu, Apr 15, 2021 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM (PDT)**

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- I. INTRODUCTION AND VISITOR COMMENTS**
- II. AGENDA REVIEW**
- III. ADMINISTRATION**
  - Approval of February 2020 and March 2021 Minutes
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
  - Follow-up to action items from March 2021 meeting
  - Update on Courthouse history manuscript & publication costs – Judy Juntunen
  - Update on Courthouse tours – Jill Van Buren
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  - Update on potential preservation projects – Paul Wallsinger
  - Update on webpage – Jill Van Buren/Judy Juntunen
- VI. NEXT MEETING**
  - May 20, 2021
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**



# MINUTES

## BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

**April 15, 2021**

4:45 p.m. ~ 5:45 p.m.

Via Go To Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4:50

**Committee Members Present:** Judy Juntunen, Peter Barnhisel, Scott McClure, Nancy Hoffman, Jill Van Buren

**Staff Members Present:** Paul Wallsinger, Levon Atwood

**Recorder:** Judy Juntunen, Chair

- I. **Administration:** The minutes for February 2020 and March 2021, were approved after the amendments to the March 2021 were noted. In Introductions and Visitor Comments, Lynne McKee's title was corrected. She is Director of Natural Areas, Parks, and Events. Also, the date for the next meeting should be changed to April 15, 2021.
- II. After approving the minutes, the committee decided to focus on a follow-up discussion of the March 2021 meeting presented by Nick Kurth, Manager of Criminal Justice System Improvement Program and Erica Ceder, DLR Historic Preservation Senior Associate. Lynne McKee, Director of NAPE, was in attendance at that meeting. It is possible under the proposed plan that the Courthouse Preservation Committee will become part of her department rather than Facilities. Currently the Committee remains under Facilities.

**III. Old Business: Follow-up of Presentation at March 2021 Meeting:** The Committee is aware the Courthouse needs to be retrofitted in order to meet seismic standards. The current cost for the retrofit is \$12 million. The Committee also knows that the Courthouse does not meet the needs of the justice system. The Courthouse was intended for a county with a much smaller population. Today the Courthouse is too small to adequately meet the needs of the county. The Committee fully supports building a new Courthouse that will meet those needs.

The Records and Elections Department will be moving soon to Benton County's building at 4500 Research Way in order to have all the licensing departments at one location. After the courts and the District Attorney's office move from the Courthouse, the question is, how will the Courthouse be used? Unless it can be retro-fitted it will not be safe to use.

The committee's question: How can the Courthouse Preservation Committee support funding for the new facilities while advocating for funding of the seismic upgrade for the Courthouse so it can continue to be used in some manner?

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**Next meeting: May 20, 2021**