

**Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Special Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
September 17, 2018**

**Members Present:** Patricia Wagner (Chairman), John Adams, Steve DePasquale, Mardene Hinton, Jane Johnson, Terry Johnston, and Ron Shank.

**Also Present:**

Michelle Sadler, Larry Hinton, Andrew Wheeler

**Members Absent:**

Michael Donahue, Shari Ebert

**Quorum met.**

Ms. Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Discussion of Memo from Delbert Skimerhorn, Planning Manager**

Ms. Wagner began this meeting by asking Ms. Johnson to read the memo from Mr. Skimerhorn aloud. The memo that the entire commission received two days after our last meeting one week ago. The main point of this memo was to inform the HPC that no funds would be appropriated to the Commission to cover the costs for the public hearings that are a requirement for landmark status. Ms. Wagner then instructed the Commissioners to listen, remain calm and to be respectful during the discussion. She then read a document she prepared for today expounding on the Commission's history and accomplishments over the past eleven years.

The documents that were distributed at this meeting shall be filed with these minutes from the special meeting. They are:

- Memo from Mr. Skimerhorn September 12, 2018
- Special Meeting Document by Ms. Wagner September 17, 2018
- Selected Excerpts from the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Ordinance
- A copy of the KCHPC webpage from the Planning Department's website
- A page of email communication between Ms. Hinton and Janine Farrell to show the research Ms. Hinton did to find out possible answers from Will County's Preservation Commission

The discussion began by several commissioners speaking in turn and expressing their concerns. Then County Board Chairman Andrew Wheeler came to join us at the table.

After much discussion, Mr. Wheeler told the commissioners that he could give work to give the Commission a budget of \$2,000. This will have to be approved through Finance Committee and Full County Board. If approved this would be effective at the beginning of the fiscal year, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

After Mr. Wheeler left, Ms. Hinton made a motion that the Community Foundation Grant money not be withdrawn from the account without the permission of the Commission and that the money never be used for the legal expenses that the county pays. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Shank asked that the Herscher Community Meeting be postponed until we are sure the Commission has a budget.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, October 1, 2018 at 4 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Mr. DePasquale seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Johnson, Secretary