



# Martin County

## HISTORIC PRESEVATION BOARD

### Meeting Minutes, 4PM

2401 SE Monterey Road, Commission Chamber

**Monday, February 16, 2026**

## PRESENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chair	Robert Steele
Vice Chair	Jacqui May
Members	Evan Anderson
	Terry Dooley
	Sherry Lee
	Douette Pryce
	Joette Lorion Rice

## ABSENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Members	William Weiss

## STAFF PRESENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
HPB Liaison	Elise Raffa
Community Development Director	Susan Kores
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
Commission Aide	Patricia Higginbotham

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES– November 17, 2025

## MOTION

\* Joette Lorion Rice moved to approve the November 17, 2025; meeting minutes as presented.

\*\*Douette Pryce seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

## **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Board members welcomed new board member, Terry Dooley.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD - ELECTION OF 2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Robert Steele was nominated as the 2026 Historic Preservation Board Chair.

Jacqui May was nominated as the 2026 Historic Preservation Board Vice Chair.

## **MOTION**

\*Joette Lorion Rice moved for approval.

\*\*Sherry Lee seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD – OUTREACH INVITATION TO LOCAL HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Elise Raffa presented a draft letter inviting local historical and cultural organizations to attend an upcoming Board meeting to introduce their work and share their mission.

Joette Lorion Rice will review and edit the current list of organizations before the mail-out.

## **MOTION**

\*Evan Anderson moved for approval.

\*\*Jacqui May seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD – HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY UPDATE**

Elise Raffa reviewed the proposal submitted by Historic Property Associates, Inc. (HPA) for an updated Martin County Historic Architectural Survey. The scope of services was divided into three parts, totaling \$100,000.

Members discussed: grant opportunities to match funds, dates for grant submission, securing the cost for a new survey until funds are received, and scheduling a virtual meeting with HPA and HPB members.

**COMMENTS**

1. Public-

Julie Preast – presented information regarding available grants for the survey. She suggested that the Historic Preservation Board send a letter of appreciation to those who played a significant role in the successful effort to publish the "Martin County 100 Years" book. Additionally, she announced that fundraising efforts to continue Martin Digital History have been successful for another year.

2. Members-

Jacqui May – reported her findings to verify the location of the old Pt. Salerno Post Office. She also presented her idea to create a future historic day with multiple historic organizations participating at one location.

Joette Lorion Rice proposed that the Board start planning for Historic Preservation Month. She will review the invitation letter from 2025 to be sent to historical organizations that plan events during the month.

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Patricia Higginbotham, Commission Aide

Date

Robert Steele, Chair

Date

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