

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, August 26, 2025,  
2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville,  
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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- 6 Alyson Childs
- 7 Robin Jensen
- 8 Jim Morgan, Chair
- 9 Nancy Smith
- 10 Jana Taylor, was excused at 6:10 p.m.

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

- 13 Spencer Packer

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

- 16 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
- 17 Lisa Linn Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director
- 18 Fawn McArthur, USU Intern, was excused at 5:27 p.m.
- 19 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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21 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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23 Minutes of the July 1, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a **motion** to  
24 approve the minutes as written. Alyson Childs seconded the motion, which was passed by  
25 unanimous vote (5-0).

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27 **THANK YOU TO BOB BROWN**

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29 Bob Brown’s term on the Whitaker Museum Board has ended, and he is no longer on the  
30 Board. Mr. Brown and his family voluntarily place 800 flags on the graves of military service  
31 members from Centerville every Memorial Day. Bob has stated it is time to pass this on and the  
32 Museum is reviewing putting this under the stewardship of the Museum Board.

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34 **WELCOME UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY INTERN AND REPORT ON ‘WOMEN**  
35 **OF CENTERVILLE’ PROJECT**

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37 Fawn McArthur, Utah State University Intern, was welcomed to the meeting. Fawn is  
38 completing her degree in History & Folklore and Museum Studies. She will be an intern at the  
39 Whitaker Museum working on the Women of Centerville project, which is collecting women’s  
40 histories from Centerville and researching the archives at the Museum for histories of women. This  
41 is for the period from 1847 to 1947.

1 Fans were given at the July 5<sup>th</sup> booth that depict three women from Centerville's history  
2 and give a brief description of the history collecting project focusing on the women of Centerville  
3 circa. 1847 to 1947. The women featured are: Elizabeth Whitaker, Evelyn Engen, and Myrtle  
4 Evans. There will be an historical story collecting event on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00  
5 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for people to share their stories and photographs to build the archives  
6 and make an exhibit for the Women's History Month scheduled for March 2026.  
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8 The histories and photographs will then be given to Lisa Sommer to be placed in the  
9 Centerville archive files. Volunteers from the Board are needed to help at this event. Fawn  
10 McCartney reported she recently met with Pam White with the Daughter's of Utah Pioneers (DUP)  
11 and informed her of this project.  
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13 **At 5:27 p.m., Fawn McArthur was excused from the meeting.**  
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#### 15 **REPORT ON JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS** 16

17 Lisa Sommer, Museum Director, distributed thank-you letters for Board members to sign  
18 for volunteers who helped with the Open Mic Program on August 1st. The Open Mic was in  
19 conjunction with the Movies in the Park, and there were at least 100 people in attendance, which  
20 was more than last year. People sang and played musical instruments, and Lisa Bednarz (IT),  
21 brought her ukulele band to play, and Mike Smith (IT) set-up and oversaw the sound system for  
22 this event, which was very helpful and appreciated. Bob York and his friends brought their  
23 Roadster antique cars for people to see. Lisa reported the July 5<sup>th</sup> booth went very well.  
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25 Date Night Art Class was on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Museum. Sunny Bybee was the art teacher,  
26 and she taught watercolor painting. Everyone made a postcard that they painted themselves.  
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#### 28 **REPORT ON CENTERVILLE VETERANS ARCHIVE PROJECT** 29

30 Lisa Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director with the help of Shauna Knighton, volunteer,  
31 'No Veterans Forgotten' project of South Davis cemeteries, began the Centerville Veterans Archive  
32 Project last year. This project is to try and locate and recognize Centerville veterans who are buried  
33 at the Centerville Cemetery. Ron White helped by providing a list of veterans' graves. who are  
34 buried in the cemetery with their plot locations. Veterans from World War I, including those who  
35 lived in Centerville, but moved later are the graves being worked on at the present.  
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37 B. H. Roberts was the young men's leader for many years, and these young men later  
38 became part of the 145<sup>th</sup> Battalion from Centerville who went to France during World War I. B. H.  
39 Roberts went with the Battalion and served as Chaplain, but the war ended before they were sent  
40 to the frontline. Three of the Centerville soldiers died during their service. Two died in boot camp  
41 from influenza and one from injuries of battle.

1           **B. H. ROBERTS EXHIBIT**

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3           The B. H. Roberts Exhibit is currently at the Whitaker Museum and will go through  
4 November. This is a self-guided exhibit that features his furnishings that were donated by family  
5 members, and a timeline of his life and family.  
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7           **WHITAKER MUSEUM GARDENS**

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9           Lisa Sommer reported this year has been great for the gardens. There will be a Potluck  
10 Barbeque on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Smith Park for the people who had garden plots, and  
11 for members of the Whitaker Museum Board. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share.  
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13           **DIRECTOR REPORT**

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15           RAP Projects

16           Lisa Sommer reported the smoke house was approved for construction in 2023, and is now  
17 in the process of being built, and the bricks should be arriving shortly. The caldron and  
18 clothesline are covered by RAP and family donations.  
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20           September Flashback and Heritage Month

21           Bryce King displayed a report of how many people view the city website. He suggested a  
22 short video be made about the Museum and have it displayed on the website to create more  
23 exposure for the Museum. Lisa Sommer said a video was made with Earl Tingey, a local  
24 farmer, to advertise the Flashback Heritage Day that is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>. This  
25 video should be on the website.  
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27           Heritage Day will be on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. too dark at the Museum.  
28 Earl Tingey will be bringing cantaloupe that he has grown, and the Museum will donate  
29 ice cream to be served with it. Cantaloupe Days started in Bountiful during the depression.  
30 Farmers from Bountiful and Centerville were asked by the JCs to grow and donate  
31 cantaloupe at a town carnival planned to give some fun during the hard times. Free melon  
32 slices and homemade ice cream were given to all. Spencer Packer will be bringing his  
33 horses, and there will be games for the children. Military reenactors, a mountain man,  
34 petting zoo, Bamberger Train display and more.  
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36           October Cemetery Tour

37           The Cemetery Tour will feature World War I Veterans. The tours will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> and  
38 October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Tour will also feature people from the time period of 1910 into the 1920's.  
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40           November – Escape Room

41           The Whit After Dark, Escape Room will be on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to  
42 10:00 p.m. at the Museum. The theme will be centered around Lilibet's Pearls, and people  
43 will have 20 minutes to solve the mystery of where the pearls are hidden. There will be a  
44 fire in the Museum yard where people can make s'mores.

