

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, October 28, 2025,
2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville,
3 Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

6 Alyson Childs

7 Robin Jensen

8 Jim Morgan, Chair, arrived at 5:13 p.m.

9 Nancy Smith

10 Jana Taylor

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Spencer Packer

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, arrived at 5:13 p.m.

17 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director

18 Cameron Woodbury, Facilities Supervisor

19 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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21 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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23 Minutes of the August 26, 2025, meeting were not approved, as not all of the changes were
24 made. The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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26 **INTRODUCTION OF FACILITIES MANAGER**

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28 Cameron Woodbury was introduced as the new Centerville Facilities Manager. He has
29 worked for Centerville City since 2011, and worked for the past six years with drainage and
30 utilities.

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32 **CENTERVILLE WOMEN'S HISTORIES REPORT**

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34 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported for Fawn McArthur on the work she is
35 doing on Centerville Women's Histories. The Women's History open house was held on
36 September. This event was advertised and held so histories of women living in Centerville circa
37 1847 – 1947 could be collected. There were a continuous flow of family members and local
38 women's club members bringing in stories the entire day. Several people told Lisa they will send
39 her stories they have of women who lived in Centerville. Lisa told the story of the Rockwood Farm
40 and Mary Rockwood who owned and worked the farm. Women's History Month will be in March
41 2026, and the Whitaker Museum will have an exhibit to commemorate women in Centerville 1847
42 - 1947.

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44 Lisa reported that Fawn McArthur is doing a great job of researching, and she will be with
45 the city until next summer.

1 **SIGN THANK YOU LETTERS**

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3 Thank-you letters are not ready for signature.

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5 **ACCESSION OF HANNAH WADDOUPS WHITAKER SEWING MACHINE**

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7 Pamela Hicks, the great granddaughter of Hannah Waddoups Whitaker, donated Hannah's
8 treadle sewing machine to the Whitaker Museum. It is not known for sure, but it is believed that
9 the sewing drawers and table were made by Thomas Whitaker., but it is estimated the sewing
10 machine was made around 1880.

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12 **REVIEW HERITAGE FAIR**

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14 The Heritage Fair went very well and was well attended. Earl Tingey from Tingey Farms
15 donated the cantaloupe and crenshaw melons he grew in his garden. and Snelgrove's Ice Cream
16 offered a discount, and their vanilla ice-cream was served at this year's event. Cantaloupe Day
17 began in Bountiful during the Great Depression years to lighten the heaviness on the people.
18 Farmers from Centerville, Bountiful, West Bountiful and Woods Cross were asked to plant and
19 donate a certain number of cantaloupes for this Labor Day event. Homemade ice-cream was made
20 to serve with the ice-cream, and it was offered free of charge. This event involved raffles, games
21 and contests and was loved by all. It was put on by the JC's and continued until 1960's, There was
22 a mountain man and tipi, military reenactments, Women of Centerville History Collection, Spencer
23 Packer Family horseshoeing, Bamberger Train history shared by Ross Smedley, Hundred Year
24 Farms History shared by Earl Tingey and Ron Randall, lots of pioneer and carnival games for all
25 ages and letters were written for and sent to the Veteran's Hospital to commemorate the Day of
26 Service on September 11th .

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28 **REPORT ON THE RAILROAD HISTORY EXHIBIT AT ALL OF THE DAVIS**
29 **COUNTY MUSEUMS**

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31 The Davis County Museums combined event featured interactive exhibits on the
32 Bamberger Railroad System and the Light Traction and Rail. The Light Traction and Rain ran from
33 Salt Lake City at the University of Utah, and ended at Chase Lane, where it waited a few hours
34 before flipping the benches around and heading back towards the University of Utah, making stops
35 along the way. This was a trolley system. William Streeper's home was located at the end of the
36 line on Chase Lane, and he would let the train conductor garden on his property. The Bamberger
37 was a privately owned railroad that began as a mule drawn trolley owned by Simon Bamberger
38 and would take guests to the hot springs' pools on Beck Street. He extended the Bamberger Rail
39 after creating Lagoon to get guests to his resort. It later was used to transport students to Davis
40 High School and eventually extended service to Ogden. This rail service ended in the 1920's as
41 cars and buses became a popular form of transportation.

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43 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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45 Cemetery Tours

1 The October 9th and October 11th Cemetery Tours went very well. The tour told interesting
2 stories of early residents of Centerville and WWI veterans who lost their lives during the
3 war. Both days met the registration limit with a waiting list. We could offer a larger
4 attendance if we had a better portable sound system. This is part of a project, 'No Veterans
5 Forgotten', begun by Bob Brown. Shaunna Knighton and Lisa Sommer have been
6 researching and documenting all veterans buried in the Centerville Cemetery. Shaunna has
7 volunteered to take on the task to find all veterans from all the wars and make sure they are
8 recognized, in the Bountiful and Centerville Cemeteries.

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10 Fall Festival

11 The Fall Festival was held on October 13th in partnership with the Rec Department and the
12 Youth Council. Jana Taylor headed the museum activities with the help of Amanda Sommer
13 and Debbie Fenwick, they and offered, pioneer games, stick pull, and ring toss and a craft
14 where children made thaumatrope It was a very successful event with hundreds of
15 participants.

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17 Whitaker Museum After Dark

18 The After Dark activity will be on Thursday, November 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
19 There is room for ten groups at this evening event. The quest is for the groups to find
20 Princess Elizabeths pears before her 18th birthday. The Lore of Lillebet's Pearls is a timed
21 mystery solving expedition that takes you back in time before we called Lilibet Queen!
22 Help us use clues from Auntie Mae to find what she brought home from across the pond
23 all those years ago! There will be a bonfire outside with S'mores as refreshments.
24 Volunteers are needed to help with this activity.

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26 **BOARD REPORTS**

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28 There were no reports.

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30 **PIONEER CHRISTMAS**

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32 The LDS Missionaries and volunteers from Viewmont High School will be helping to clean
33 the grounds of the Museum and to help decorate for Christmas.

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35 **RAP TAX**

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37 Lisa Linn Sommer asked Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, about the RAP Tax.
38 Cheylynn reported there are no changes on the RAP Tax, and it is the same language on the ballot
39 as before.

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41 **NEXT MEETING**

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43 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at
44 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 5:45 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jim Morgan seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison

Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

1/29/2026

Date Approved

Connie Larson

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

