

Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission
February 2, 2026

Members Present

Ken Padgett, Chair
Add Layson, Vice Chair
Jeff Henderson
Jim Weaver
Valerie Robbins

Staff Present

Tony Ross, Planning & Development
Sandy Padgett, Secretary

Guests Present

Zeta D. Brown
Sabrina Poole
Jairo Murillo
Melissa Murillo
Alejandro Granados

Regular Meeting

Chair Padgett called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 pm; welcoming all in attendance. Minutes from January 5, 2026 meeting were presented for review and approval. Jeff Henderson made motion to approve; seconded by Valerie Robbins. All voted aye.

Commission Reports

Chair Padgett stated Friends of Resaca will making a presentation to the Board of Commissioners in the near future regarding the newly acquired land.

Jeff Henderson invited HPC members to the upcoming Gordon County Historical Society meeting to be held on February 19th.

Unfinished Business

Add Layson stated B&H Fabricators informed him the job was too big for them to do at the Arch Memorial. At the Historical Society meeting Add attended, an individual stated they would donate up to a \$1,000 for the Arch Memorial project. Add spoke with City Council and Paul Worley, City Administrator, and showed them the repairs needed to the Arch Memorial, asking them if the city would be involved in having the repairs completed. Paul Worley stated he would speak with the Mayor.

New Business

Chairman Padgett presented HPC members with a cemetery list for Herrington-Dobbins Cemetery, stating cemetery was located on Sugar Valley Road near old water tank, prior to Dollar General. Jeff Henderson, stated this cemetery is located on Water Tank Road, not Sugar Valley Road, as previously discussed in a prior meeting. Cemetery that is in discussion is an unknown cemetery on property located on Sugar Valley Road, near Dollar General Store.

Tony Ross, Planning and Development, presented HPC with a map, depicting property in question, where unknown cemetery possibly exists. Tony Ross, stated a developer wants to develop property, with 19 homes. Tony Ross, was contacted by several individuals, stating a cemetery was on site and had been demolished at some point.

HPC briefly discussed as to exact location of cemetery.

Zeta Brown, resident of Sugar Valley, stated her husband, can locate the cemetery. Tony Ross, presented Zeta Brown with a map for her to try and pin

point the cemetery location. Zeta Brown gave a brief overview of the land ownership and cemetery in question.

Sabrina Poole, realtor, stated buyers are under contract on property and will schedule a time to visit the site with those individuals who are stating they can mark the cemetery location.

Melissa Murillo, stated her and her husband are buying the property. She stated they want to respect the burial site and preserve the site. Melissa asked the HPC next steps, once the cemetery is located.

Tony Ross suggested once cemetery is located, to fence the area to preserve it. HPC can make a public notice and hold a ribbon cutting for the cemetery.

Adjournment

Jeff Henderson made motion to adjourn; seconded by Jim Weaver. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m..

Ken Padgett, Chair

Add Layson, Vice Chair

Sandy Padgett, Secretary