



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness  
Chair

Jen Trenbeath  
Coordinator/Secretary

Treasurer

Steven P. Lewis  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

Don Smart  
2nd Vice-Chair

### Notice of Meeting and Agenda

**The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Historical Commission Library, 1149 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701**

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Determination of Quorum.
3. Citizens' Communications.
4. Call, Receive Information and Take Appropriate Action on:

Introduction of Guests

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **Secretary's Report** – Jen Trenbeath

5. Consider and possibly approve minutes of previous meeting.

##### **Coordinator's Report** – Jen Trenbeath

- Staff report from Coordinator.

##### **Treasurer's Report** – Jen Trenbeath

- Report of Expenditures and remaining Budget.

##### **Chair's Report** – Chair Theresa Goodness

6. Discuss, consider and possibly approve our annual JCHC Calendar project (2026) out of our current FY 2025-2026 budget to promote our county's history and to be distributed to all school districts and to preservation partners in Jefferson County.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Historical Preservation:**

7. Discuss status of Gilbert Building in downtown Beaumont following a fire.

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Theresa Goodness

- Report on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness considered by Beaumont Landmark Commission.

Tyrrell Historical Library – Steven P. Lewis

- Report on activities of the Tyrrell Historical Library Association.

Photos of Historic Buildings - Steven P. Lewis

- Report on historic building photography project.

Sam Houston State Library – Don Smart

- Report on research projects conducted at the state library.

Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House Restoration – Theresa Goodness

- Report on status of restoration of the historic home.

### **Historical Markers and Research** – Kate Hambright

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve sponsoring a Texas Historical Commission (THC) application for a Registered Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation for the historic Jefferson County Courthouse. The cost is \$100 for the application fee and \$500 for the supplemental plaque, if approved by THC.
9. Discuss, consider and possibly approve the purchase of a supplemental 12” X 8” plaque for the Nancy Tevis marker in the amount of \$569.67. The purpose of the supplemental plaque, recommended by the Texas Historical Commission is to explain the marker relocation due to Hurricane Harvey.
  - Report on Status of Marker Applications/Dedications.
  - Report on Marker Survey/Maintenance.

**History Appreciation:**

- Report on current Courthouse Mini-museum exhibits and discussion of proposed exhibits. – Jen Trenbeath
- Report on updates to JCHC website and social media. – Jen Trenbeath
- Report on history articles in newspaper and events at the Stark House Museum. – Katherine Leister
- Report on Coastal History. – Jay Camp
- Report on Mid-County history research and projects. – William Gray

**Archeology Committee** – Brenda Jackson

- Report on activities that promote the preservation of archeological resources.

**Cemetery Committee** – Paul Prosperie

- Report on pending applications for Historic Texas Cemetery Designations, cemetery surveys, clean-up days or other similar activities.
- Report on research and other preservation activities pertaining to historically Black cemeteries. – Jessie Davis

**Courthouse and Sub-Courthouse Oversight Committee** – Jen Trenbeath

- Report on status of Jefferson County Courthouse or Sub-Courthouse buildings.

**Certified Local Government (CLG)** – Theresa Goodness

- Discuss, consider and possibly approve a project to develop one or more National Register nominations identified in our recent historic resources survey. Discussion to include possible funding sources for the project.

**Other Business**

10. Discussion on any other item not on agenda without taking action. Receive reports on matters of community interest from elected officials, staff, or members without taking action.

**Adjournment**