JCHC BIMONTHLY MEETING Thursday, March 27, 2014 JCHC Conference Room

<u>Call to Order</u> – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at Noon. Those in attendance were: Bill Cummings, Ron Ellington, Brenda Jackson, Steven Lewis, Mike McGreevy, Victoria Outlaw, Paul Prosperie, Jef Russell, JCHC Coordinator Linda McMahen and visitor Linda Guillory.

<u>Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> – A motion was made by Jef Russell and seconded by Mike McGreevy to accept the Minutes as printed.

<u>Budget Report</u> – The Budget Report was given by Secretary / Treasurer Paul Prosperie. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as printed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Theresa Goodness

- Theresa presented four candidates for membership: Jimmy Sparks, Dr. Steven Lewis, Brenda Jackson and Victoria Outlaw. A motion was made and seconded to accept the candidates as presented.
- Chair Goodness reviewed the 2014 Goals as presented at the December, 2013 meeting. After reviewing, it was agreed that the Goals would remain the same.
- Chair Goodness excused herself to return to her office for meetings. Since Vice Chair Les McMahen was not in attendance, Coordination Linda McMahen took over the meeting.

<u>Coordinator's Report – Linda McMahen</u>

- Linda asked Paul Prosperie to introduce guest Linda Guillory.
- Linda shared the 2013 Annual Report had been completed and forwarded to the Texas Historical Commission.

- Linda reminded everyone to please turn in their volunteer hours each month. Even though the number of JCHC members had diminished during 2013 due to death, illness or resignation due to work restraints, more volunteer hours than usual had been turned in due to members being more active. Four thousand, one hundred and twenty two hours were turned in. At the THC preservation market rate of \$22.57 per hour, the amount would have come to \$93,033.54.
- Linda passed out copies of the JCHC Bylaws and went over several changes being presented by Chair Theresa Goodness and Coordinator Linda McMahen. There was a question and answer period concerning changes. Voting to accept / deny changes will take place at the May 15th meeting.
- Linda shared there were two regional meetings coming up that were open to any JCHC member to attend:
 - Thursday, April 10th, Liberty Opry House, 9:30 11:30 AM START (Southeast Texas Area Regional Tourism) meeting sponsored by the Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitor Center and hosted by the Liberty Opry Owners and staff.
 - Polk County Historical Commission hosting a Regional CHC meeting in Livingston, April 26. Previous meetings have been a successful tool for sharing the happenings of each County.

Committee Reports

<u>Archeology Committee</u> – Ron Ellington – No report

Cemetery Committee - Marianne Petry - No report

<u>Certified Local Government – Ramona Hutchinson</u> – No report

<u>Courthouse Oversight Committee – Victoria Outlaw</u>

Linda shared that an application had been made to THC for emergency funding for help with expenses in installing a sprinkler system and fire alarm system. <u>History Appreciation / Film Commission – Jef Russell</u> – No new Information. Discussion was held on the future of Dick Dowling Days held in September and if the JCHC would be involved.

History Preservation - Charlotte Holliman - No report

<u>Historical Markers – Les McMahen</u> – See attached

Website Committee - Bill Cummings - No update

Unfinished Business / New Business - None

<u>Adjournment</u> – It was announced that the next meeting will be held Thursday, May 15, 2014 at Noon in the JCHC Conference Room, after which the meeting was adjourned.