



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness
Chair

Jen Trenbeath
Coordinator/Secretary

Treasurer

Steven P. Lewis
1st 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, November 20, 2024, 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 accept the resignation of Jerrilynn Miller as a JCHC commissioner after a reading into the minutes of her resignation letter as per the bylaws, Article III, Section 5.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve recommendation to Commissioner's Court regarding potential new and existing appointees to JCHC for the upcoming 2025-2026 appointment period. Jessie M. Davis and William Gray are the potential new appointees who have expressed interest in an appointment to JCHC.
8. Hold Election of 2025-2026 Executive Board per Article IV, Section 7, of the Bylaws.
9. Discuss, consider and possibly approve an expenditure out of budgeted travel funds for registration/travel fees for one or more members of JCHC to attend the Texas Historical Commission 2025 Real Places Conference to be held in Austin on April 23 - 25, 2025. The conference will be held in-person and virtually.
10. Consider and possibly approve recommendation to Commissioner's Court to accept donations to the JCHC library from Don Smart of a new copy of W.T. Block's book, *Sour Lake, Texas: From Mud Baths to Millionaires* and from Paul Prosperie of 18 copies of the *East Texas Historical Journal*, date range Spring of 1983 to Fall of 1995.

Committee Reports

Historical Preservation:

11. 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

- 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

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.

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

- Report on status of online GIS map of our historic resources survey data.
- Report on status of review of Texas Railroad Commission Consultation on an Orphaned Well Mitigation Project in Jefferson County, Texas, under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Antiquities Code of the State of Texas.
- Report on status of ongoing project to review and monitor current state and nationally designated properties in Jefferson County and inform the Texas Historical Commission of any alterations to these historic resources.

Other Business

12. 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