



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness
Chair

Jen Trenbeath
Coordinator/Secretary

Linda McMahan
Treasurer

Dr. 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, May 17, 2023, 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 – Linda McMahan

- Report of Expenditures and remaining Budget.

Chair's Report – Chair Theresa Goodness

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly accept the resignation of Lynn Simon as a JCHC commissioner after a reading into the minutes of his resignation letter as per the bylaws, Article III, Section 5.
7. Discuss, consider and possibly approve submission to the county of JCHC annual budget request for fiscal year 2023 – 2024.

8. Consider and possibly recommend to Commissioners Court the acceptance of a donation to the JCHC library from Bill Block of “Sabine Pass Chronicles” by W.T. Block.

Committee Reports

Historical Preservation:

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.

World War I monument committee – Kate Hambright

- Report of progress of the WWI monument committee on the relocation project.

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. – Linda McMahan
- Report on updates to JCHC website and social media. – Jen Trenbeath
- Report on events at Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum. – Rayanna Hoeft
- 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.
- Report on THC Cemetery Inventory Project.

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

6. Discuss, consider and possibly adopt priorities for the County Certified Local Government (CLG) and County Historical Commission (CHC) for the next 5-10 years, such as:
 - Creating a publicly accessible system for sharing and updating survey data.
 - Selecting areas for follow-up survey recommended by the windshield survey (such as intensive-level survey and research).
 - Listing resources in the National Register as recommended by the survey.
 - Planning and implementing educational programs and partnerships with other advocacy groups.
 - Considering other ways that the County might incentivize and/or promote preservation.
- Report on status of Historic Resources Survey and Preservation Plan project being conducted under the National Park Service Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant.
- Report on status of any reviews under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Antiquities Code of the State of Texas.

Other Business

9. 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