



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, May 15, 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 approve FY 2024-2025 annual budget request of \$14,359.93 to Commissioner's Court, including a capital expense of \$959.93 for a new computer in the JCHC library.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve a Website Committee meeting date to discuss website redesign project.

8. Discuss, consider and possibly approve our annual JCHC Calendar project (2025) out of our current FY 2024-2025 budget to promote our county's history and to be distributed to all school districts and to preservation partners in Jefferson County.
9. Announcement of 2023 Distinguished Service Award bestowed by the Texas Historical Commission on the Jefferson County Historical Commission for exceptional efforts to preserve and promote Texas' diverse history.

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.

Historical Markers and Research – Kate Hambright

- Report on Status of Marker Applications/Dedications.
- Report on Marker Survey/Maintenance.

History Appreciation:

10. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve promotion to the public of a 161st Anniversary Tour of Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
 - 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 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

11. Discuss Section 106 File No. 0011058991 by TowerCo Special, LLC, of a new Positive Train Control telecommunication tower near 501 E. 2nd St. in Port Neches, with existing access and utility easements. No comments are requested.

- 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.

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