



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, 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