



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness  
Chair

Jen Trenbeath  
Coordinator/Secretary

Treasurer

Steven P. Lewis  
1<sup>st</sup> 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, September 17, 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 status of our annual JCHC Calendar project (2026) to promote our county's history and to be distributed to all school districts and to preservation partners in Jefferson County.
7. Discuss, consider, and possibly ratify and approve the additional fee of \$300 to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for a round medallion for the Registered Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation for the historic Jefferson County Courthouse. Previously at our March meeting the cost of \$100 for the application fee and \$500 for the supplemental plaque was approved. THC informed us of this additional requirement on July 29, 2025.

**Committee Reports**

**Historical Preservation:**

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Kate Hambright

- 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. – William Gray
- 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

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve moving our annual October Magnolia Cemetery Tour to Memorial Day weekend, 2026, due to major construction and a road closure on Pine Street from Cottonwood Avenue to Maple Avenue, an area immediately adjacent to the cemetery, for a two-month period starting September 10, 2025.
  9. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve a method for noting on our JCHC website any known corrections to information contained in Mildred Wright's cemetery volumes posted on our website.
- 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

10. Discuss project previously approved at July meeting to develop one or more National Register nominations identified in our recent historic resources survey, contingent upon budgetary or grant funds becoming available.
11. Discuss, consider and possibly approve submitting a Letter of Intent to apply for a FY 2026 Certified Local Government Grant from the Texas Historical Commission for a National Register nomination project. Letters of Intent are due by October 17, 2025.

**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**