

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on August 13, 2015, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present were: Patricia Baldwin, Nancy Bell, David Ciambrone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Lloyd Mattingly, George Myer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, George Schumann, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There were no guests present.

The Chair called for review of the May 14, 2015 meeting. Mickie Ross moved that the minutes be approved. David Ciambrone seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance in the county fund is \$260.28. There are two outstanding payments; that will leave a balance of \$39.28.

With the closing of our current bank account, the county is requesting that a special form be used to request that a check be cut for the bills. The county treasurer's office will collect deposits. They have also requested that the budget be divided into two accounts: General Fund and Historical Program.

Mildred Davis presented the Revised 2015-2016 Budget. The approval of that budget is postponed until the September meeting. The County will have approved their budget by then.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that the application process for historical markers opens September 1, 2015 and goes through November 1, 2015. The State will only accept 200 for approval.

Winnann Ewing has indicated that she is interested in applying. Mike Fowler in Hutto is working toward applying, and an untold story marker is being considered in Round Rock.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he has not done much on cemetery cleanup due to the heat. He has sprayed some of the smaller cemeteries with Roundup. However, this is not very cost effective for larger cemeteries.

Winnann reported that the DRT is looking at adopting a cemetery, possibly the Mankins Crossing Cemetery.

Mickie Ross addressed the petition that is being circulated requesting that the Confederate Monument be moved to the IOOF Cemetery. That is not possible, because the monument is owned by the county.

Oral History –

Patricia Baldwin reported that several oral histories have been done and several more are scheduled.

The question came up of when the oral histories should be posted to the website. The website committee is working on an answer. There are technical issues involved. The committee will be meeting again next week.

Mickie Ross requested that she be contacted prior to checking out a recorder. Her staff does not handle this.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey has asked that she be relinquished of her duties in handling the brick sales. She will remain as chair of the committee. Personal issues are taking more of her time at the present.

The Chair asked for a volunteer to take over the brick sales initiative.

Infrastructure –

The US 183 North Coordination review concerning the Thompson House was sent to the WCHC members via e-mail. The response was of concurrence with the findings of the THC.

In reviewing the Willis Creek draft historical narrative prepared for mitigation of bridge demolition, it was discovered that there was only one picture of the bridge. In response, more pictures will be added to the report before it is posted to the WCHC website.

The Chair and Linda Henderson met with County Commissioner Lisa Birkman, concerning the change to the Programmatic Agreement between TxDOT, THC, and the

WCHC. A new report on the Programatic Agreement has been drafted. Lloyd Mattingly has reviewed the new report.

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New Business:

The Civil War Exhibit at the Williamson Museum opened in April. The exhibit tells the story of the Williamson County men who fought in the Civil War.

P.J. Stevens moved that the WCHC contribute \$500 for the exhibit. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Announcements –

The Chair reported that Pat Baldwin is leaving the WCHC. Her schedule at Texas State University has changed and she will be teaching more classes.

Her resignation from the WCHC leaves a need for a new chairman of the oral history committee.

Mickie Ross handed out a flyer of the upcoming events at the Williamson Museum in September.

A new exhibit is opening on September 3: Stop Trains! Hippo o the Loose: Mascots of Williamson County.

The Up the Chisholm Trail event will be held October 15. The Cattleman's Ball that evening will be honoring Nancy Rabb. Tickets will \$75 each.

The Museum will conduct a fund raising campaign for the statue of Dan Moody. The city will be donating \$25,000.

A Jesse Daniel Ames statue will be the museum's next project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.