

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)

January 17, 2012 – Minutes

January 17, 2012 Meeting convened at 4:30 pm and was held in the History Lab, Room 15, of the old Rockport School. **Chairman Carolyn Cauley presided.**

Commissioners Present: Jack Chaney, Kathy David, Melissa Daylong, Sandy Garrison, Greg Harlan, Marsha Hendrix, Gwynn Lumpkin, Dora McKelvey, Sally Reynolds, and Janet Taylor. Commission Advisors Present: Pam Stranahan and Jackie Shaw.

Commissioners Not Present: Diane Dupnik and Linda Garcia.

A Quorum was declared.

Introduction of Members and New Officers: -Carolyn Cauley

Brief introduction of members stating background. Also discussion of recruiting new members for 2013. Officers for 2012 have been approved. They are: Carolyn Cauley, Chair; Kathy David, Vice-Chair; Linda Garcia, Secretary and Dora McKelvey, Treasurer. Jackie presented annual report to Commissioners Court and the Court approved the 3 new commissioners and the annual budget.

Minutes of December 6, 2011, were approved. Motion to approve by Sally Reynolds and seconded by Janet Taylor. The October 4, 2011 minutes as corrected were approved. Motion to approve by Dora McKelvey and seconded by Gwynn Lumpkin.

Treasurer's Report – Dora McKelvey

Dora gave a brief update on the Treasurer's Report and the new budget for 2012 was presented.

Committee Reports

Executive—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn handed out a packet of information, including the Bylaws, new form for recording volunteer hours, Goals for Texas Statewide Preservation Plan and a few other items. Briefly discussed the form for recording volunteer hours and stressed the importance of keeping accurate records for the Commissioners Court and the Texas Historical Commission. Jack volunteered to keep record of hours if we email him at: gfalls.hunter@gmail.com

Greg will be attending a training session in Austin on March 6-7 which is being hosted by the Texas Historical Commission. Pam suggested that we might also look into regional workshops. Jack talked with the Commission concerning the possibility of the eligibility for funding from the Hotel/Motel Tax. He suggested that we make the presentation at the May Commissioners Court meeting. He also suggested that the new project manager for Pathways, Richard Thompson should be included in our group.

Carolyn announced that Gwynn will be taking over the website.

There was also a motion by Greg and seconded by Janet that the Commission purchase a video tape on heritage tourism which was prepared by the Texas Historical Commission. The motion carried without objection.

At this time, Marsha made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Janet. The motion carried without objection.

Preservation and Public Policy-Pam Wheat Stranahan

Pam reported that the Commissioners Court approved the Pathways budget for 2012 which included two items relating to history. The Court approved \$19,000 for signage and \$33,000 for the move of the Bruhl-Paul-Johnson House. The move of the house is progressing well and should be happening within the next few months.

Historical Markers-Sandy Garrison

Sandy gave a brief report on the status of the 4 pending markers. We are still waiting for text from the Texas Historical Commission. Sandy also reported that there are 7 markers "in the can".

Special Projects: Jackie, Jack and Sally will work on a cemetery project, which will include the condition of the cemetery and also if there are any civil war veterans in that cemetery.

There will also be a special project on compiling and researching former Aransas County Historical Commissioners. Melissa and Gwynn agreed to work on this project.

Other Liaison Reports:

Aransas Pathways—Pam combined her Pathways report with her report on Preservation and Public Policy.

There was no other old or new business to discuss.

Carolyn announced the next meeting of ACHC would be held April 17, 2012, at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Reynolds, acting Secretary