

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Meeting January 8, 2013- From 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Calhoun County Library  
200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca  
Secretary Minutes

1. Call to Order was at 6:30 pm
2. Prayer was led by Phil Ellenberger
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag was said by all present
4. Pledge to the Texas Flag was said by all present
  
5. Consider and approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as presented
  
6. Consider and approve Treasurers Report: See written report, accepted as presented
  
7. Report of Nominating Committee and take appropriate action: Walter Spiller presented the slate of officer candidates, see attached report. Nominees are:
  - a. Chairman: Mary Belle Meitzen and Joe Mireles
  - b. Vice Chair: Gary Ralston and Rose Pena
  - c. Treasurer: Phil Thomas and John Kassner
  - d. Secretary: Sue Thomas and Edna Reyes

The Nominating Committee members are: John Kassner, Robert Ojeda and Walter Spiller.

Joe Williams made a motion that we vote by secret ballot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Koch, motion passed.  
From the floor:

Rose Pena requested her name be withdrawn from nomination for Vice Chair. Joe Pena nominated Edna Reyes for Vice Chair, and she declined to accept the nomination.

John Kassner withdrew his name from nomination for Treasurer.

There were no other floor nominations or withdrawals.

Mary Belle Meitzen was elected Chairman

Gary Ralston was elected Vice Chairman, unopposed

Phil Thomae was elected Treasurer, unopposed

Sue Thomae was elected Secretary


The ballot counters on the contested (Chair and Secretary) offices were John Kassner and Steve Koch.

Phil Ellenberger gave a brief farewell speech and wished everyone to continue the good work of the Historical Commission. Gavel was passed after speech and election.

8. Standing committee reports
  - a. Flags: We have no more responsibility for Flags
  - b. Cemeteries & Marker: See written report given by Mary Belle Meitzen
  - c. Museum report: George Anne Cormier was not present and no report was given.
  - d. Website: Gary Ralston reported that 6885 pages were viewed and 4110 visits were made to the website.

9. Certificates of Appreciation from the Calhoun County Historical Commission were presented to Outgoing Chairman Phil Ellenberger, Secretary Kate Williams, and Cemetery Committee Member Joe Williams; Beverly Wyatt, Cemetery Committee Member was recognized orally.
10. Kate Williams led a brief discussion of the THC new forms to be filled out by County Commission members. All be asked to complete the forms and return them to Mary Belle Meitzen before the meeting of County Commissioner Court meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
11. Every member present received the Texas Open Meeting Act Training Video Contact information to be completed within 90 days and certificates mailed to Secretary Sue Thomae. Each individual also received Calhoun County Historical Commission "Two Year Plans" Survey which is to be completed and mailed to Chairman Mary Belle Meitzen for analysis before the February 12, 2013 meeting.
12. The next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Calhoun County Library
13. Adjourn: at 7:55 pm

Respectfully,  
Calhoun County Historical Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Williams".

Secretary