

Calhoun County Historical Commission  
Regular Meeting of August 9, 2016  
6:30-7:05 PM at the Calhoun County Library

**Minutes of Secretary**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 PM

**Invocation:**

By John Meitzen

**Pledges of Allegiance:**

Led by Mary Belle Meitzen

**Quorum:**

There was not a quorum met. Those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	John Meitzen	Sue Thomae
John Kassner	Clifton Baccus	
Gary Ralston	Jim Munro	
Walter Spiller	Phil Thomae	

**Guests:**

Roger Galvan  
Geryl Taylor  
Lana Taylor  
Steve Thorne  
Judy Thorne

**Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's report as of August 8, 2016 by Gary Ralston was approved as posted

**Consider/Approve May 10, 2016 Minutes:**

May 10, 2016 meeting minutes by Walter Spiller were approved as posted

**Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Cemetery:

1. John Kassner announced that there would be a Zimmerman Cemetery workday sometime this fall
2. Mary Belle Meitzen mentioned a Cemetery Preservation seminar on October 18-19<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas if anyone would be interested in attending

Calhoun County Historical Commission  
Regular Meeting of August 9, 2016  
6:30-7:05 PM at the Calhoun County Library

B. Museum-George Anne Cormier is still working on getting the Native American figure repaired

C. Markers:

1. July 14, 2016 A Texas Historical Marker Workshop was presented by Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Marker coordinator-In attendance were: John and Mary Belle Meitzen, Gary Ralston, Avril Sassman, and Melony Overton
2. Indianola Centennial Marker-According to a THC representative, a star is missing on the 1936 monument located by the cistern at Indianola. The star should be located inside a wreath on the monument. Instead a smaller star is located below the wreath, and is not the correct star. We will need to order a new star to replace this incorrect star which will cost approximately \$ 150.00
3. Original Mission Refugio Marker-Has been approved by the state and we should be receiving the marker in the next few months
4. Cotton Gins of Calhoun County Marker-Has been approved by the state and we should be receiving the marker in the next few months
5. Undertold Story- An undertold marker story on Judge Henry J. Huck was submitted by the marker committee. This application was not selected by the state, but the application will be res-submitted in September, and the Huck family has volunteered to fund the marker
6. Martin De Leon Marker Dedication-Dedication was observed on June 4, 2016 with 100 family members and guests present
7. Relocation of the Civil War Bombardment, Civil War Torpedo Works, and Alsatian Immigration Markers-CCHC received a written request from Steve and Judy Thorne asking to relocate these markers because they prohibit construction of homes on these lots. Mary Belle Meitzen recommended to the Marker Committee to research the three markers and present their findings at the September meeting

Calhoun County Historical Commission  
Regular Meeting of August 9, 2016  
6:30-7:05 PM at the Calhoun County Library

- D. Seadrift Locomotive Silhouette Design-Per Gary Ralston: The silhouette was received in Calhoun County in early July. It is a 9'X25' design, and will eventually be located at the old depot in Seadrift. If anyone wants to go see it, they will need to go by the Seadrift City Hall and register.
- E. Junior Historian: Texas Camel Corps: Per Sue Thomae: October 26, 2016 is a firm date. The details are still being worked out with Mr. Torres of Travis Middle School.
- F. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse/United States Coast Guard Dedication August 6, 2016-Per Jim Munro:  
Over 50 people attended  
Proclamations of appreciation were presented to the Coast Guard by the city and the county  
A Coast Guardsman gave a brief talk about Coast Guard activities

**Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business:**

- A. Acknowledge 2015 Distinguished Service Award-Award was presented to the Calhoun County Historical Commission on June 24, 2016 at Commissioners Court

**Consider/Take Necessary Action Commission Input:**

- A. Plum Creek Symposium on August 13, 2016-Lockhart Great Comanche Raid
- B. Hallettsville Conference on October 22, 2016

**Program: Weyers & McGuire Gravestones, Taylor Tract, Magnolia Beach by John Foester, Gary Ralston, Clif Baccus:**

- A. Gary Ralston gave an interesting and very informative presentation on these stones. Also, some information on this can be found on the Indianola Facebook site
- B. The Commission received a letter from Geryl and Lana Taylor, dated August 9, 2016, giving permission to the Calhoun County Historical Commission to remove the headstones from their property at Magnolia Beach and relocate them. Their permission request will be held until the cemetery excavation is complete and the Taylors have considered all alternatives

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM