

## CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DECEMBER 8, 2020

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met December 8, 2020, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:45 P.M.

A quorum was met. In attendance was: Robert Loflin, John Kassner, John Meitzen, Mary Meitzen, Phil Thomae, Sue Thomae, Gary Ralston, Jody Brett, Jan Regan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Loflin. The Invocation was given by John Meitzen. The Pledges of Allegiance were given by John Kassner. October 13, 2020 minutes were read and accepted as presented. Gary Ralston moved acceptance and John Kassner second Motion carried. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported the October Balance was posted on line. There were no changes. Chairman Robert Loflin reported Texas Historical Commission correspondence requesting CHC nominations for 2021-2023. He asked committee members to submit names.

Cemetery Committee Chair, John Kassner, asked for members to report cemetery activities to him. Mary Belle Meitzen reported Commissioner David Hall will glue the three piece consort grave at Zimmerman/Gonzales cemetery. Marker Chairman Gary Ralston reported The Matagorda Lighthouse had been submitted as a THC Undertold Marker.

Old business: Sue Thomae reported the Camel Corps Presentation to the Calhoun County seventh graders was successful. The students, teachers, and principals were appreciative. About 300 students attended the presentation held at Travis School. Robert Loflin reported the conservator for the Margaret Clement Headstone wants to wait for correct temperature which will probably be spring 2021, It was decided to include the David Vance tombstone in the conservation. Gary Ralston reported the Port O Connor WWII Silhouette is a community project being installed by volunteers. The Clinton Packet Boat, WWII Camp Hulen Observation Tower, Farming, and Cattle were mention as silhouette suggestions for Olivia.

New Business: CHC Membership proposal for 2021-2023 Chairman Robert Loflin has already received Linda Monro, proposed by Jim Monro, Larry Nichols, and Barbara Williams proposed by Jan Regan. Gary Ralston proposed Brent Hart and Sue Glover from Port O Connor. John Foester and Steve Koch were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Community Input included Invitation from the Port Lavaca Cemetery for the Cenotaph dedication for Edwin V.B. Smith Civil War Naval Medal of Honor Recipient who died at Indianola. Mary Belle Meitzen reported Calhoun County will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 4, 2021. Chairman Robert Loflin will contact County Judge Meyers to present a proclamation to Commissioners' Court honoring the event. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

