

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MARCH 8, 2022

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met March 8, 2022, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 p.m. Quorum was met. In attendance were: Robert Loflin, John Kassner, Gary Ralston, John Foester, Steve Koch, Mary Belle Meitzen, Wesley Abraham, Kevin McKamey, Larry Nichols, and Sue Glover.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Loflin. Invocation was given by John Kassner. Pledges of Allegiance were recited. Guests introduced included Port Lavaca City Manager Jody Weaver, Port Lavaca Mayor Jack Whitlow, and Tania French. Minutes of November 9, 2021, were read, amended, (David Vance/George Heckthorn) and approved. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported 2021 End of Year Account was \$37,346.198. Next quarterly statement will be March 31, 2022. Report approved. Correspondence included invitation to "Une Belle Soiree" hosted by Friends of Texas Historical Commission.

Cemetery Chair John Kassner reported April work day for Clark and Little Mary Cemeteries. Chairman Loflin reported Margaret Clement and David Vance tomb stones will be repaired in April. Marker Chair Gary Ralston reported waiting for wording from THC on Chocolate Community Marker and Matagorda Lighthouse Marker. Louis A. Andry and Olivia Replacement Markers are waiting arrival. Matagorda Rocket Launch Marker Story has been postponed until 2023. Sue Glover will contact Brent Hart about completing Matagorda Air Base Marker. Kevin McKamey suggested Foester family due to identified Foester Road. Mary Meitzen has contacted THC to see if a single source marker story will be accepted, John E Clegg's "Port Lavaca Shrimp Fishery."

Old Business: Gary Ralston described the Olivia silhouette and then reported Bryan Norwood may not be able to complete the project due to health issues. Doug Baum's Texas Camel Corps will be October 5, 2022, for Calhoun County seventh graders.

New Business: Jody Weaver explained the Port Lavaca Cemetery Tour as collaboration between the Main Street Theatre, Port Lavaca Cemetery, and Calhoun County Historical Commission. The Commission was asked to come up with a list of 10-12 names of historical individuals buried in the cemetery/county and serve as technical advisor. Chairman Loflin asked to be contacted for next meeting. Following members expressed interest: Kevin McKamey (G.W. McKamey), Linda Munro (Montiers), John Foester (Foesters), Mary Belle Meitzen (Mary Roemer Bierman). Support was given to proceed with the project with formal action taken later. (Discussed: Evergreen Cemetery, Galveston Cemetery Tours, \$25.00 charge, money split between 3 entities, theme name "ranching", liability, parking, ground surface area, lighting, costumes)

Gary Ralston presented three bids for the ground penetrating radar digital mapping and cemetery roster for Indianola Cemetery which only has 75 tombstones showing currently. Sentry Mapping \$3,950 ViaVista \$6,595 Texas Cemetery Restoration \$10,250. Gary moved Commission use Sentry Mapping; Meitzen seconded. The motion carried to use Sentry Mapping.

Chairman Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting at 7: 30 p.m. Next meeting will be April 12, 2022.