

Calhoun County Historical Commission Minutes: January 14,2025

Calhoun County Historical Commission met January 14,2025, at the Calhoun County Library,200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas. Chairman Larry Nichols called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum met. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Larry Nichols. Guest Derrick Smith was recognized. Robert Loflin explained Appointee Procedure. Members were welcomed and introduced themselves. They included: Dana Nichols, Mary Belle Meitzen, John Foester, Larry Nichols, Kieth Hubbard, Jan Regan, Jody Weaver, Vicki Cox, Jesse Hubbell, Edward Tyler, Robert Loflin, Gary Ralston, Linda Munro, Sheryl Cuellar, and Jay Cuellar. Commissioner Nichols announced the Historical Commission is on the Commissioners Court Docket for January 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Robert Loflin will present the End of Year 2024 Report and introduce Chairman Larry Nichols. Handouts were distributed to members. Minutes December 10,2024, were viewed. Motion made by Robert Loflin and seconded by Edward Tyler to accept December 10,2024 Minutes as presented was approved. Treasurer's Report, as of December 31,2024, included Total Accounts \$30807.37, Miscellaneous \$505.37, and Capital Outlay \$8205.71. Jan Regan moved Treasurers Report to be accepted as presented. John Foester seconded, and motion was approved. Robert Loflin reported THC Correspondence included 2024 Annual Report which had been submitted to Austin.

Cemetery Chair Kieth Hubbard received thanks for mowing Little Mary's grave. Kieth reported he had viewed every county cemetery except Branch which is on private property. Jody Weaver reported a Cemetery Tour is being planned for November 1, 2025, for the Port Lavaca Cemetery. Jody Weaver also presented the City of Port Lavaca Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program for Ranger Cemetery along with plat description. Before submitting the grant, Mrs. Weaver is waiting for confirmation from the THC that cemeteries may apply.

Marker Chair John Foester reported "Townsite of LaSalle" Undertold Marker submitted to THC had yet to be notified of acceptance. Markers Clark Station should be shipping soon, and Shrimp Fisheries is at the foundry. Kieth Hubbard is updating the county marker spreadsheet. Mary Belle Meitzen reported she had met with member Sue Glover to plan the Matagorda Light House Marker Dedication to be held February 22,2025, at the Port O Connor Library at 10:00 a.m.

Gary Ralston explained the Olivia Silhouette Project and shared a design of the silhouette being cut by the Calhoun High School welding department. Commissioner Joel Behrens submitted a Half Moon Reef Lighthouse estimate for interior painting. Jody Weaver reported the Half Moon Reef Lighthouse is requiring additional preparation for inside painting. Jody Weaver, Edward Tyler, Derrick Smith, and Commissioner Joel Behrens are meeting with Mrs. Meitzen January 15,2025 to outline repair plans. Mrs. Weaver shared the Planning and Landscape Architecture for the Bauer Community Center which also includes the Half Moon Reef Lighthouse. Sheryl and Jay Cuellar shared the Christmas Lighthouse

activities with 200-225 individuals touring the building and contributing 229 food products to the Gulf Coast Food Pantry at Olivia Bayside Community Church. Robert Loflin reported there had been no change for the Calhoun County Green Lake Park, but the County should be receiving bids for a walking trail.

Gary Ralston reported the website had been upgraded. Chairman Larry Nichols presented Message Copilot calhouncountyhc.org Notable Accomplishments for preserving and promoting the rich history of Calhoun County. Chairman Nichols encouraged everyone to present realistic goals promoting Calhoun County History which can be accomplished during the 2025 year at the next meeting, February 11, 2025. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Jan Regan and seconded by John Foester carried. Chairman Larry Nichols adjourned the meeting.