

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 13

Hear presentation of annual report from the Williamson County Historical Commission.

Irene Varan, President of the Williamson County Historical Commission, presented her annual report to the Texas Historical Commission to the court, and brought copies of the Williamson County Historical Commission's book on Williamson County that was published recently. She expressed concern about vandalism of historical markers within the county, and the cemetery that has been discovered near the Parmer Lane extension project. She gave the court a proposed list of appointments to replace two members of the board.

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR

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COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION End of Year Report - 2001

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This form will assist you in reporting your county historical commission (CHC) activities to the county commissioners court and will be utilized in preparing our reports to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the state legislature. If you have not already submitted a report to our office, please complete this form and return by February 28, 2002. Thank you.

Irene Varan Williamson
Name of CHC Chair County

1. How many members currently serve on the Commission? 26 plus 4 associate members

2. How many meetings did the Commission hold this year? 9

In which communities were the meetings held? Georgetown
Average attendance was 19

3. How many volunteer hours did the Commission members work this year? 6570

4. Does the Commission sponsor or work with young people in the county? Yes

If yes, please describe or list such activities: Claire Maxwell spoke to Taylor Middle School students on the history of Taylor

Ralph Love spoke to home school students on the history of Williamson County; Round Rock High School band students assisted in the cleanup of Shiloh Cemetery; Hazel & James Hood presented flag programs at Deepwood, Chisholm Trail, Thrall and Elgin Elementary Schools.

Benold Middle School students assisted with a fundraiser.
5. Does the county provide funds in its budget for your Commission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much was your allocation in fiscal year 2001? \$1,000

Does the county provide office space for your Commission ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the county provides other operating help, please list:

Repairs and maintenance of building exterior

6. Does the Commission have other sources of funding?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please briefly describe sources and amounts of such income: Contributions: \$133;
Special Projects: Books \$5,882; Cemetery Maps \$306; Videos \$340;
pioneer photos \$24; Interest \$991

7. What is the duration of your fiscal year (i.e., January-December, September-August, etc.)

January - December

8. Please check all that apply to your commission:

- ☒ participated in Distinguished Service Award activities in 2001
- ☒ one or more members attended the annual historic preservation conference in Austin
- ☐ one or more members attended a Regional Meeting conducted by the Texas Historical Commission
- ☐ member, Preservation Texas
- ☒ member, Texas Historical Foundation
- ☐ member, Texas Oral History Association
- ☐ member, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- ☐ member, American Association for State and Local History
- ☒ member, Texas Association of Museums
- ☐ Certified Local Government

9. Please check all areas of work in which your commission worked actively to promote historic preservation in the county:

- ☒ Historical marker(s)
- ☒ Historic cemeteries
- ☒ History museum(s)
- ☐ National Register designation
- ☐ Oral history
- ☒ Archives
- ☒ Served as advisor to commissioners court on matters related to history and preservation
- ☒ Assisted the commissioners court with the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (i.e., development of the master plan, preparation of the grant application, serving as an advocate for restoration of the county courthouse, etc.)
- ☐ Survey of architectural resources
- ☐ Protection of archeological resources
- ☒ Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
- ☒ Newsletter production
- ☐ Local newspaper column
- ☒ Local history publication
- ☒ Main Street Program

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- ☒ Heritage tourism
☒ Texas Heritage Trails Program (formerly known as Texas Travel Trails Regional Program)
☒ Historic building rehabilitation
☒ Historical observances (check all that apply)
 ☒ County/City Birthdays ☐ National Preservation Week
 ☒ Texas Archeological Awareness Month ☐ Women's History Month
 ☒ Black History Month
 ☒ Other (please list) Taylor 125th Anniversary; Veteran's Day;
 Memorial Day
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10. Provide a brief narrative description of the county historical commission's successes over the past year, as well as its not-so-successful activities (i.e., which of your goals for the year were met, and which were not met?)

Successes include significant progress toward restoration of our museum building. Funded by the county, a new roof, A/C and heating, elevator shaft, termite extermination and asbestos abatement were completed. Beginning in August, monthly exhibits of photos and memorabilia depicting historic summer activities, school days, archeology awareness and county veterans were displayed. However, our goal to find a docent was not realized.

4 members attended the Gault Site Archeology Field School, one of whom served as registrar.

Only 2 new applications for historical markers were completed, falling short of our goal of 5. 2 pending applications were approved, 4 marker dedications were held, and 2 historic cemetery designations were awarded. Considerable progress was made on the restoration of the Palm House in Round Rock, while little was made on the Shotgun House in Georgetown. Vandalism continues to be a problem. Of 5 markers reported missing this year, only one has been recovered.

11. The THC attempts to copy the CHC on correspondence regarding projects in the county. Do you find this practice helpful? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Were/are there any projects for which the CHC's input was not solicited? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please elaborate:

12. Please list any significant properties in your county that are currently threatened. If possible, provide an address and brief description of the threat.

Ganzert Cemetery located 2½ miles southeast of Round Rock on Gattis Road - endangered by construction of SH 45.

Surveyors working on the extension of Parmer Lane north of FM1431 have discovered evidence of burials at the southwest corner of the intersection of CR 272 and CR 178.

Washington Bower (Home of Adam Lawrence) Southeast of Taylor on FM 112 approximately 1 mile north of Lawrence Chapel Church and Cemetery. This 150 year old residence has been repeatedly vandalized, and in extreme disrepair.

100 year old Methodist parsonage at 401 W. Main in Round Rock will be razed to make way for city buildings.

13. Please list any significant properties (officially designated or not) that were damaged or destroyed by fire, wind, flooding, demolition, or other event.

14. Have any cellular telephone or other communications towers been constructed that adversely affect historic sites or districts? (The impact may be physical or visual.) ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please elaborate:

15. Did members of your CHC participate in the THC's regional meeting in your area in 2001? If so, please provide a brief evaluation for us, including whether/how the meeting was helpful to you, and topics you'd like to see covered in future regional meetings.

None of our members were able to attend the meeting in Granbury due to the travel time involved.

16. How can the Texas Historical Commission be of greater assistance to you in carrying out your local preservation activities?

The Texas Historical Commission has responded promptly to our requests for assistance, and we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

In the immediate future we will be needing guidance in establishing our museum.

Short deadlines often make it difficult for us to participate in some projects.

Name of person completing this report: Irene VaranMailing Address: 716 S. Austin Ave, Georgetown, TX 78626Daytime Phone: 512/996-8582 E-mail address: _____

County Historical Commission Home Page address on the Internet: _____

If the Texas Historical Commission staff can provide you with any additional information or assistance, please let us know (telephone 512/463-5853; e-mail *history@thc.state.tx.us*). Thank you.

Please return by February 28, 2002, to:

History Programs Division
Texas Historical Commission
P O Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

OR

FAX: 512/475-3122

SIGNED: _____
John Doerfler, County Judge
Williamson County

DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM 14

Consider approving interlocal agreement with Capital Metro regarding construction of a portion of Lakeline Boulevard from the proposed intersection of Lakeline Boulevard and Lyndhurst Boulevard to the railroad crossing.

Road Bond Manager Mike Weaver addressed the court concerning this agenda item. He stated that Capital Metro personnel have decided that Capital Metro does not require an interlocal agreement for this project.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 15

Consider and adopt resolutions requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to waive the local match participation requirement on approved federal off-system bridge program projects within Williamson County in return for Williamson County performing equivalent match projects within Williamson County.

Road Bond Manager Mike Weaver addressed the court concerning this agenda item, stating that the resolutions will ask TxDOT to give the county credit for performing Williamson County bridge replacement projects.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To adopt a resolution requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to waive the local match participation requirement on approved federal off-system bridge program projects within Williamson County in return for Williamson County performing equivalent match projects within Williamson County.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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