



Minutes of the Collin County Historical Commission

Collin County Commissioner's Court,
4th Floor, 2300 Bloomdale Road, McKinney, Texas
April 30, 2025, at 10:00a.m.

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Eric Hogue, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m.

Item No. 2 Roll call and Volunteer hours

The following members were present: Donna Anderson, Kay Baird, Elden Baker, Susanne Kerley, Eric Hogue, Lillie Miller, Renae' Ollie, Harold Sickler, Deborah Stewart, Marianne Wells, Misty Wiebold, Jane Yancey, Brittany Yurkovitch

Collin County Staff present: Judy Moody

Absent members: Mary Kaye Adams, Joy Gough, Andy Howard, Linda Hess, Janet Stovall

Volunteer hours totaled: CCHC: 713 Outside hours: 349 Total: 1062

Item No.3 Public Comments

None

Item No. 4 Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Grant Report

Karen Zupanik delivered the report for the \$800 Oral History Project Grant they received through the CCHC. Over past eight years, the Heard Craig Center has received CCHC grant funds to continue their oral history project and have completed over 55 oral histories. The goal was to complete the grant cycle by November 2024 but due to illnesses and rescheduling of some elderly interviewees, the summary was pushed out. The total expense of the project was \$1200 and they received a CCHC grant for \$800. 2024 interviews included: Doyle Morrow (Turrentine, Jackson, & Morrow), Anna Stephens (author), Jesse McGowan (McGowan School) and Hannah Kunkle (McKinney city clerk). Collin County oral histories have been added to the McKinney Library website for public access . 2025 interviews are slated to begin on July 17, 2025 and they are taking nominations for interviews now.

Item No. 5 **Consider and act upon approval of the March 26, 2025 CCHC meeting minutes**

Action Item: Harold Sickler made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Elden Baker. The minutes were approved.

Item No. 6 **Consider and Act upon Approval of the Monthly Financial Report**

Year to Date: The budget was increased by \$6,196.00 to account for an encumbered expenditure that was not received until the FY2025 started. With a budget of \$56,095.00 and total expenditures of \$29,871.56 there is \$26,223.44 remaining in our 2025 budget.

Action Item: Harold Sickler made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Renae' Ollie. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Item No.7 **Staff Liaison updates**

Judy: Jennifer is absent today but will share some information at a future meeting regarding what she learned at the THC Real Place Conference. Purchasing deadlines are approaching especially for printing.

Item No.8 **2025 Preservation Celebration Recap**

Preservation Celebration was a success and had a final head count of 87 persons attended. Extra mugs have been split between the CCHC and Frisco.

Item No. 9 **2025 Real Places Conference Recap**

Several CCHC members attended the conference in person or virtually. Overall, the conference was a positive learning and networking experience for the attendees. The speakers were excellent and over 900 attendees were present at the conference. During the sessions, several references to Collin County programs were mentioned.

Item No. 10 **TXDOT Training, Part 2**

Postponed for a future meeting.

Item No. 11 **Upcoming county events**

On May 3 at 10:00a.m. there will be a Texas Historical Marker celebration at Glass-Chapman Cemetery in Farmersville.

On May 8, the CCHC is hosting a Coalition meeting at 4p.m. in Commissioners Court featuring a special guest presentation by Dr. Ana Krahmer of UNT's Portal to Texas History on maximizing the Portal's research tools for effective historical research.

National Train Day celebrates the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869, and the importance that railroads played in building America. The Anna Area Historical Preservation Society will celebrate National Train Day on Saturday, May 10, from 10a.m. to noon in Sherley Heritage Park, located at 101 S. Sherley Rd., Anna, Texas. Activities will include free rides on Choo-Choo Express, Caboose-on-the-Loose game, face painting and tattoos, model train displays, and many other fun activities for entire family.

On May 17 at 2:00p.m. there will be a Texas Historical Marker Celebration for Gussie Nell Davis at the First Baptist Church in Farmersville with an unveiling of the marker on the square.

Item No 12. Adjourn

Eric Hogue adjourned meeting at 10:37a.m.