



Minutes of the Collin County Historical Commission

Collin County Commissioner's Court,
4th Floor, 2300 Bloomdale Road, McKinney, Texas
August 27, 2025, at 10:00a.m.

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Eric Hogue, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

Item No. 2 Roll call and Volunteer hours

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

Collin County Staff present: Judy Moody, Jennifer Rogers

Absent members: Mary Kaye Adams, Linda Hess, Lillie Miller,

Volunteer hours totaled: CCHC: 357 Outside hours: 291 Total: 648

Item No.3 Public Comments

None

Item No.4 Report on Searcy and Mt. Camel Cemeteries by Keith Elwell, THC Steward

Searcy Cemetery: In May 2025, Keith contacted about possibility of Searcy Family graveyard located in McKinney. Despite some map evidence and a longtime effort to locate and recognize the cemetery, it has not been found yet. Keith filed a "Notice of Unverified Cemetery" on July 29, 2025 and the City of McKinney has 30 days to respond to the notice.

Mt Carmel: In early August, the cemetery committee contacted Keith regarding rumors of damage to the cemetery by an adjacent neighbor building an RV park. Damage to headstones, trees, and gravesites were documented and Sheriff has investigated. A neighbor of the cemetery has stepped in and is willing to pursue stewardship of the cemetery which may provide an opportunity to preserve and restore the cemetery.

Item No. 5 **Consider and act upon approval of the July 30, 2025 CCHC meeting minutes**

Action Item: Harold Sickler made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Janet Stovall. The minutes were approved.

Item No.6 **Consider, Act upon and Approve the CCHC 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 \$40,520.62 there is \$15,574.38 remaining in our 2025 budget.

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

Item No.7 **Staff Liaison updates**

Jennifer: The CCHC big book of policies and procedures needs to be updated. Please bring your updated committee procedures to the next meeting. No edits will be accepted after the September meeting.

THC is rolling out a new training module for commission members. More information will be given soon.

Item No. 8 **Election of 2025/2026 CCHC Officers**

Nominating Committee Chairman Harold Sickler presented the following slate of candidates for 2025/26:

1. Eric Hogue for Chairman
2. Harold Sickler for Vice Chairman
3. Kay Baird for Secretary
4. Marianne Wells for Treasurer.

Harold Sickler made a motion to approve the slate of recommended officers for 2025/26. The motion was seconded by Janet Stovall and approved.

Item No. 9 **CCHC Committees**

Discussion of the responsibilities and duties of each committee.

Item No. 10 **Upcoming County Events**

The Heritage Association of Frisco is hosting their annual Shawnee Trail Cowboy Day on Saturday, September 27 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Frisco Heritage Center. It is an affordable (\$7/person) family friendly event.

On Thursday, September 25 from 9a.m. to 3:30pm, Preservation Texas hosting the 2025 Northeast Texas Regional Preservation Summit titled "RURAL PRESERVATION IN A SUBURBAN AGE: Preservation Planning for Historic Churches and Cemeteries".

On October 25 at 2p.m. there will be a marker dedication at the Price House in McKinney.

Item No. 11 **Adjourn**

Eric Hogue adjourned meeting at 10:51 a.m.