

Ellis County Historical Commission



P.O. Box 175, Waxahachie, TX 75165 - 0175

Minutes of the January 3rd, 2024 Special Meeting
Prepared by Secretary Corey Rogan

Voting Executive Board Members

- Chair: David Sacha
- Vice-Chair: Bruce Fowler
- Treasurer: Michelle Haye
- Secretary: Corey Rogan

Voting Board Members at Large

- Bill Dodson (1)
- Carlene Perryman (1)
- Elmerine Allen Bell (1)
- Erik Harmon (1)
- George Valdez
- Kameron Raburn
- Karen Carreon
- Karen Esberger (1)
- Kendra Blakely
- Raymond Mosley
- Rex Carey
- Shannon Simpson (1)
- Sharan Farmer
- Sugar Glaspay
- Susie Toal (1)
- Ty Hall (1)

Note: (1) Indicates an absence; (2) indicates virtual presence via phone or video conference call.

Call to Order

- Location/Time: Jury Room of the Ellis County Historic Courthouse (101 W. Main St., Waxahachie, TX 75165) at 3:30 p.m.
- Quorum/Roll Call: 3:35 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from November 15th, 2023
 - Motion to Approve by Michelle Haye
 - Second by George Valdez
 - Vote: All Aye's

Treasurer's Report (Michelle Haye)

- Discussion Regarding Pending Funding for the County Farm Cemetery Restoration
- Motion to Approve by Raymond Mosley
- Second by George Valdez
- Vote: All Aye's

Chair's Report (David Sacha)

- Discussion Regarding a Possible Joint Session with Other County Historical Commissions

Marker Chair's Report (Sharan Farmer)

- Discussion Regarding Markers for "Undertold Stories" in 2024
- Discussion Regarding Pending Ellis County Historic Marker Applications
- Discussion Regarding Brooks Family Cemetery Marker
- Discussion Regarding Upcoming Old Bardwell Marker Dedication

Precinct Reports

- Precinct 1
 - Discussion Regarding City of Ferris Sesquicentennial Anniversary
- Precinct 2
 - Discussion Regarding Survey and Restoration Work at Alma Cemetery
 - Discussion Regarding Ennis Firefighter's Association Intention to Restore 1927 Ladder Truck
 - Discussion Regarding City of Ennis Reserving Funds for Local Historical Markers
 - Discussion Regarding Record-Breaking Attendance for the HWI Christmas Home Tours
 - Discussion Regarding Upcoming Alamo Letter Plaque Ceremony
- Precinct 3
 - Discussion Regarding Renovation of Historic City Hall/Fire Station as New City Museum
 - Discussion Regarding Next Phase of Litigation Over Encroachment in Milford Historic Cemetery
- Precinct 4
 - Discussion Regarding New Development Endangering Historic Architecture

Annual Meeting

- Appointment of Officers
 - Discussion Regarding Election of Officers
 - According to ECHC bylaws, appointments are for two-year terms coincident with appointment renewals (odd-numbered years).
- Budget Discussion
 - Discussion Regarding the "Functional Budget" Concept for FY24
- Chair's THC Annual Report
 - David Sacha requested that each commission member send him an estimate of how many hours he or she committed to the commission, as well as a list of 2023 activities.

Unfinished Business

- Social Media
 - Michelle Haye requested that members send her pictures to post on the Ellis County Museum social media pages.

New Business

- David Sacha noted that the Ennis Public Library will be hosting the “Portal to Texas History” seminar on January 25th at 6:00 p.m. This is part of a new grant received by the City of Ennis to digitize historic newspaper records.
- David Sacha noted that the Ennis Heritage Society will host a public lecture by Kaitlyn Price, Curator of the Dallas Historical Society, on January 18th at 6:00 p.m. Michelle Haye noted that this seminar will overview the importance of knowledge-transfer between generations of historical commissions to ensure that history is properly preserved.
- Corey Rogan announces that he is attempting to start up a tourism business, so if anyone knows of historic properties that deserve to be highlighted for yours, please send him requests.

Adjournment

- Adjournment at approx. 5:00 p.m.