

Ellis County Historical Commission



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

Minutes of the July 3rd, 2024 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
- Erik Harmon (1)
- George Valdez (1)
- Kameron Raburn (1)
- Karen Carreon
- Karen Esberger
- Kendra Blakely (1)
- Raymond Mosley
- Rex Carey (1)
- Shannon Simpson (1)
- Sharan Farmer (1)
- Sugar Glaspy (1)
- 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: 3:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from June 5th, 2024
 - Discussion of Correction Regarding Who Is Preserving Artifacts
 - Discussion of Correction Regarding Name of Festival
 - Motion by Michelle Haye to Approve Minutes, as Amended
 - Second by Karen Carreon
 - Vote: All Aye's

Treasurer's Report

- Statement Ending May 31st, 2024: Savings \$2,502.⁰⁰ with 3 cent interest; Checking \$20,378.⁶⁴
- Resolved: The Treasurer will shred the Alamo Plaque donation check because the Ellis County Historical Commission is not set up to receive donations.

Chair's Report

- Discussion to Update Recent Absentees About the "Friends of the Historical Commission" Idea
- Resolved: The President will pursue this idea on his own. The "Friends of the Historical Commission" meeting and the main ECHC meeting could occur back-to-back.
- Discussion Regarding Sylvia Smith Dedication at the Ellis County Woman's Building
- Discussion Regarding the Passing of Jimmy Boon, a Former/Longtime ECHC Member
- Discussion Regarding Process and Timing of 2025 ECHC Appointments

Purchase of Historical Marker for County Farm Project

- Discussion to Update Commission About County Farm Project; The Texas Historical Commission will feature this project on their website.
- Motion by Bruce Fowler to Purchase Marker Up to \$10,000.⁰⁰
- Second by Elmerine Allen Bell.
- Vote: All Aye's

Marker Chair Report

- Marker Chair is Absent, but Report Submitted
- All Current Markers Are at Foundry for Delivery by January 2025

Cemetery Chair Report

- Resolved: The ECHC should provide a small marker & fence around the child grave in Getzendaner Park.

Precinct Reports

- Precinct 1
 - There are no updates regarding discarded items, but they will likely be located near the genealogy display at the library.
 - The Brick Festival was a "flop" with random vendors and nothing related to our heritage.
 - There is a new Ferris Historical Society Facebook page.
- Precinct 2
 - Historic Waxahachie, Inc. is looking to do a "cemetery walk" event in October as a "living education" opportunity. Elmerine Allen Bell has a connection who could potentially help read headstones.
- Precinct 3
 - New funding has been allocated to restore the old city hall, and the City Secretary is seeking an "overseer" for the project.
- Precinct 4
 - There was a recent trial regarding a property dispute with the Milford Cemetery, but the cemetery won the case. That said, the adjacent property owner is still trying to run power lines across the cemetery.

Unfinished Business

- The Facebook page now has 116 followers.
- Discussion Regarding Frequency, Date, & Times of ECHC Meetings

- Discussion Regarding Disposition of ECHC Records, THC Marker Applications, Cemetery Survey Records, Etc. and Where to Store Them
- Update on Current Status of “Friends of the Historical Commission” 501(c)3 Status

New Business

- Discussion Regarding Potential Acceptance of Ellis County Genealogical Society Records

Open Discussion

- Resolved: The next ECHC meeting will be held at 4:30 to see if more members can attend.

Adjournment

- No Opposition to Adjournment
- Adjournment at 5:10 p.m.
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Jury Room of the Ellis County Historic Courthouse (101 W. Main St., Waxahachie, TX 75165)