

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **Thursday, February 7th, 2008** in the Commissioner's Courtroom in the historic Williamson County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas. Bob Brinkman was in the chair and the meeting was recorded. Members attending were: Bob Brinkman, Chris Dyer, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Claire Maxwell, Marietta Mugford, Fred "Coop" Smith, Laura Sue Smith, Elsie Waller, and Wayne Ware. Mike Fowler attended as visitor.

The chair called the meeting to order at about 2:00pm.

Laura Sue Smith **moved to accept the minutes**. Claire Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

David Voelter read the **Treasurer's report**. The October 2007 interest was \$47.06, November 2007 interest was \$46.83, and the December 2007 interest was \$40.45. January 2008 interest on the checking account had not yet posted, so the current balance was \$13,716.14.

There was no **Old Business**.

New Business:

Membership renewals for 2008 were discussed. Chris Dyer **moved to authorize that up to \$300 be allocated in 2008 for WCHC to renew its membership in all organizations, except the Texas Archeological Society, for which it was a member in 2007**. Milton Liese seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Brinkman recognized Mike Fowler, former Mayor of Hutto, and current chair of the Hutto Heritage Foundation and the City of Hutto Historical Preservation Commission, to discuss several items of interest. The LCRA and ONCOR power lines, and the county landfill are of particular concern.

Chris Dyer **moved to authorize the expenditure of \$500 to defray the cost of the Rocky Hollow Cemetery marker**. Milton Liese seconded. Discussion occurred. The motion passed.

Claire Maxwell **moved to authorize the expenditure of \$500 to defray the cost of the Connell Cemetery marker**. Elsie Waller seconded. Discussion occurred. The motion passed.

Wayne Ware **moved to authorize the expenditure of \$200 for the Texas Historical Commission Hill Country Trail region dues**. Milton Liese seconded. The motion passed.

Claire Maxwell gave some background information regarding the Dr. Dickey house project. Chair Brinkman indicated his intent to direct the Secretary to write a letter of support regarding the project.

Claire Maxwell gave a short presentation regarding the Murphy Street Christian Church and the 1st Christian Church in Taylor. The congregations were traditionally racially distinct but have been operating together for five years. The County is now asking them to pay \$175 taxes on their lot. There is no building on the lot but they do use it from time to time for religious activities. Chair Brinkman indicated his intent to direct the Secretary to write a letter of support.

Committee reports:

The cemetery committee report was given by Bob Brinkman. Free Evangelical Church Cemetery is working on a Historic Texas Cemetery designation.

The museum committee report was given by Ed Lansford.

The marker committee report was given by Bob Brinkman. Applications have been submitted for Connell Cemetery, Rocky Hollow Cemetery, St. John's Cemetery, and Granite Industry of the 1880s, which will go near the tumbled blocks near Cedar Park. The Corn Hill and Daniel Harrison markers have been shipped.

The infrastructure committee report was given by Bob Brinkman. Mike Fowler gave some additional background on the LCRA and ONCOR projects.

Commissioner Announcements:

Claire Maxwell reported that the Taylor Churches of the Blackland Tour was successful. The Taylor downtown streetscape project is almost complete.

Bob Brinkman announced that Mickie Ross from the County Historical Museum will be leading a tour of the Courthouse at 3pm.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at **6:30 pm on Thursday, March 13th, 2008, at a location to be determined later, possibly in Hutto.**

The chair called the meeting closed at about 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



David E Hollingsworth, Secretary