# Hood County Historical Commission November 20, 2008 Meeting

6:00 PM at the Historic Granbury Depot 109 Ewell St., Granbury, TX.

### Attending the meeting:

Michael Carmichael
Christy Massey
Marcy Carter-Lovick
Janice Horak
Karen Nace
Jane Craddock
Mary Sutton
Archaeology Committee Chair Jim Sutton
Sally Grimes
Peggy Freeman

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6PM by acting chairman Karen Nace.

1. Minutes for the October 9, 2008, HCHC meeting – Mary Sutton

Christy Massey made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Janice Horak 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed.

2. Treasurer's Report - (County Contribution: \$6000.00; Donation/Fund Raising: \$370.00; Total: 6370.00) - Michael Carmichael

Michael Carmichael presented the Treasurer's Report. Deposit for the October event brought the balance to \$6370.

Announcements

1. None

Old Business

1. None.

#### **New Business**

1. Report on the November 1 THC event at Acton Cemetery. Karen Nace.

Members discussed the event and agreed it was successful. Improvements could be made in selection of venue in that a location with more convenient restrooms and tables available for use would be desirable. Timing of the event for Spring would not conflict with the fall events that normally occur in late October. Also tailoring activities at the events to accommodate attendees with limited mobility was discussed. Marcy Carter-Lovick suggested the Commission send thank you notes to the Texas Historical Commission presenters thanking them for a job well done. Karen Nace read a letter from Bratton Thomason to Judge Rash thanking him for his participation and the contribution of the HCHC in making the event a success.

2. Report on the HDR/Commissioners' Court special meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress on the courthouse restoration. Michael Carmichael

Michael provided a copy of HDR's agenda topics for the meeting and a map of the geothermal wells in the parking lot surrounding the courthouse. (Copies Attached) The bids for construction would be made in January, and construction should begin in March on the geothermal wells.

Regarding the HCHC office, the mechanical units originally placed in that office space have been relocated to the elevator area. The HCHC office will be in the old treasurer's office. The partition wall should not be rebuilt in that office in order to show the original size of the offices.

The HCHC will get a safe that belonged to the tax collector that is currently in the County Judge's temporary office at the Justice Center.

Members also discussed the need to have the county clerks records (deeds, marriage, and birth) returned to the Courthouse after the renovation is complete. Historically the clerk's records belong in the courthouse. It will be important to promote public awareness and encourage a show of support from the citizens of Hood County to have the clerks records returned to the courthouse after renovation. Karen Nace observed that the architectural renovation of the interior should also honor the historic use of the Courthouse.

Christy Massey made the motion to place in discussion on the December 2008 HCHC agenda the return of the County Clerks records to the Courthouse after renovation is complete and to invite a County Commissioner to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice Horack. Motion Passed. Janice volunteered to invite one of the Commissioners to the meeting.

The area of the Courthouse floor that the THC wants to examine for traces of a  $2^{nd}$  courtroom is covered with plywood. When the carpet is removed, this plywood can be lifted to examine the original floor.

3. Nominating committee status for identifying potential new Commission members for 2009 and 2010 calendar years and committee recommendation for nominating a Commission Chair. Christy Massey. 4.

Christy Massey presented the Nominating Committee Report. The following individuals were presented as candidates for the 2009 and 2010 Hood County Historical Commission. Returning members: Karen Nace, Michael Carmichael, Mary Sutton, Janice Horak, Christy Massey, Marcy Carter-Lovick, Laurel Pirkle, and Jane Craddock. New Members: Sally Grimes, David S. Brister, and Peggy Freeman.

The Nominating Committee further recommended that Vice-Chairman and Acting Chairman Karen Nace be appointed chairman of the Historical commission for the 2009-2011 term.

The Committee also recommended that the HCHC consider recommending to the Commissioner's Court that Helen Long and Gayle Meyer be accorded Member Exofficio status in recognition of their long-standing service to the HCHC representing their respective communities.

Janice Horak made the motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for 2009-2010 as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Nace. Motion Passed.

Report on the status of contacting TAC/CIRA to establish a list serve for historical commissions throughout the state. Karen Nace

Karen reported that the HCHC does have a list serve.

5. Discuss the discovery of the comedy/melodrama Nevada or the Lost Mine, (originally performed circa 1889 for the benefit of the Granbury Band) and take appropriate action. Karen Nace

A book of poetry was brought to the Historical Commission that was once owned by Otis Mitchell of Granbury in 1889. In the pages of this book was a flyer for a play, "Nevada, or the Lost Mine", performed for the benefit of the Granbury Band. Otis Mitchell was listed as a performer in the play. A copy of the play was located, and further research showed it was not in copyright. A copy of the play was given to Janice Horak. The possibility of a performance of the play was briefly discussed. Janice Horak mentioned that a new community band has formed and is meeting at the Tolar High School.

6. Status of the submission of an article to Peggy Freeman for the Granbury Showcase. Janice Horak

Janice Horak reported on her article for the Granbury Showcase. She has been working with Cody

Martin on a history of the Stockton Bend community. His knowledge of the area covers his own
family, the community of Stockton Bend, local history and ancient history. Janice said working
with Cody was a great experience. Peggy Freeman was collaborating with her as editor in
completing the article.

## Tally, Halden

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Subject: Hood County Historic Courthouse Restoration - Monday Meeting Agenda 10/27

Judge Rash,

We will see you on Monday morning, our agenda topics for the Monday meeting are as follows:

9:30 AM Introduction / Meeting Kickoff

- 1. Review project progress and schedule.
- 2. Site
  - A. Geothermal well distribution on site / construction phasing
  - B. Review coordination with paving/landscaping
    - 1. County performed work
    - 2. Contractor Bid Alternate for Paving and Landscaping
  - C. Verify dates for events and parking requirements
- Verify Approval of Floor Plan Revisions and Room/Department assignments
- 4. Verify Furniture Layout / Electrical Placement
  - 1. Purchasing
  - 2. Auditor
  - 3. Historical Commission
  - 4. County Judge
  - 5. JP Office
  - 6. Commissioners Office
  - 7. Bailiff
  - 8 Court Reporter
  - 9. Building Maintenance
  - 10.Constable
- 5. Sound System, Security, IT

General Discussion / New Business

Adjourn

