

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline –Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: 01/27/2023

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Meeting Date: 02/13/2023

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Submitted By: CJO

Approved

Department/Office: CJO

2 off-duty officers required

Signature of Director/Official: _____

Agenda Title:

Consideration for the Johnson County Historical Commission to Participate in SpringFest by
Opening the Museum in the Historical Courthouse on April 29, 2023 from 10:00am - 5:00 pm

Public Description (Description should be 2-4 sentences explaining to the Court and the public what action is recommended and why it is necessary):

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: Sandra Neeley & Executive Committee

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: 10 minutes

Session Requested: Action (Action Item, Workshop, Consent, Executive)

Check All Departments Requiring Notification:

CountyAttorney IT Purchasing Auditor

Personnel Public Works Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) Sheriff

From: Darlene West <dwest@johnsoncountytexas.org>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 2:33 PM
To: Paula Reid <paular@johnsoncountytexas.org>
Subject: RE: Att: Judge Boedecker

I'm sorry, but I have a grandchild's birthday celebration that day so I won't be available and I'm concerned with people being in the Museum when I'm not there. Also, I know Sandra has a key to the Courthouse and the Museum so I know she could just come in anyway, but I really don't think it would be appropriate from a security standpoint for either the Courthouse or the Museum.

Sorry, don't mean to be so negative but, it is my opinion that the security and liability issues alone are an issue.

OK:

1. Who will be watching visitors and children so they do not damage or walk off with historic items on display in the Museum
2. The vault would be open to anyone in the Museum (this is totally not acceptable)
3. Individuals with disabilities have the legal right for a viable entrance which would require the basement door to be unlocked
4. Individuals with disabilities also have the legal right to an accessible restroom
 - a. Access to the elevator would allow access to any floor in the Courthouse requiring a security guard stationed at all four elevators
 - b. Since there is an accessible restroom in the basement, the security guard there would need to be alert to both entry and exit of all individuals
 - c. Disabled individuals are generally accompanied by non-disabled people increasing the possibility of damage
 - d. If the Springfest volunteers or Johnson County officials deny entry via the basement door, it is cause for a law suit

In summary, it is my opinion that the opening of the Johnson County Courthouse and Museum possesses a risk to the security of the Museum and the Courthouse building itself.