

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: 01-30-2026

Meeting Date: 02-09-2026

Submitted By: _____

Department: CJO

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>


Description:

Annual Update from the Johnson County Historical Commission

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: Sandra Neeley

(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: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

Action Item Consent Workshop Executive Other _____

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

County Attorney IT Purchasing Auditor

Personnel Development Services Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

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In Your Submission Email**

FEB 9, 2026

COMMISSIONERS COURT REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT ON JCHC ACTIVITIES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025

(CHAIR SUGGESTED THE COURT SHOULD FEEL FREE TO INTERRUPT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS)

JCHC BEGAN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 WITH 16 APPOINTEES; 1 RESIGNED DUE TO HIS JOB AND 3 NEW APPOINTEES WERE ADDED. AS OF THE END OF 2025 JCHC HAD 18 APPOINTEES.

SEVERAL GUESTS HAVE ATTENDED JCHC MEETINGS AND WE EXPECT 2 OF THEM TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT SOON. JCHC BYLAWS REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AT 3 MEETINGS PRIOR TO REQUESTING APPOINTMENT.

ALTHOUGH NOT APPOINTED TO JCHC AT THE TIME, FORMER JCHC CHAIR JOHN PERCIFIELD PASSED AWAY IN AUGUST, LONGTIME APPOINTEE KEN MISER PASSED AWAY IN NOVEMBER 2025 AND FORMER APPOINTEE & COUNTY TREASURER BARBARA ROBINSON DIED IN DECEMBER.

AT THIS TIME JCHC HAS 8 APPOINTEES FROM CLEBURNE, 6 FROM GRANDVIEW, 3 FROM BURLESON, AND 1 FROM GODLEY. WILMA REED, OUR MEMBER EMERITUS IS NOW 96 YRS OLD AND ATTENDS WHEN SHE IS ABLE.

JCHC HELD 11 MEETINGS IN 2025 – IN THE COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM, AT DOTEY HOUSE, AND DILLON DEPOT.

OFFICIAL JOHNSON CO. HISTORICAL FB PAGE CONTINUES TO BE POPULAR AND THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR ADDS 'DID YOU KNOW' ITEMS TO THE COUNTY'S MUSEUM FB PAGE AND PICTURES FROM THE WEST NEGATIVE COLLECTION IN HOPES OWNERS WILL ID THE IMAGES AND RETRIEVE THEIR NEGATIVES.

IN MARCH, MR. JACK PLONIEN OF BURLESON SUBMITTED A NEW MEM. OF DONATION FORM TO CHANGE HIS HANDMADE REPLICA OF OLD SOGGY THE FIRST PLANE IN JOHNSON COUNTY FROM BEING ON LOAN TO OFFICIALLY DONATED TO THE JCHC MUSEUM.

IT IS NOW DISPLAYED OVERHEAD IN THE MUSEUM. THERE WAS NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE EVENT.



MARCH 30 JCHC HELD THE LONG OVERDUE DEDICATION OF A PHOTO AND PLAQUE HONORING JOHN RICHARD ROSE, CLEBURNE COMPOSER - AT FIRST MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. COMMISSIONER WOOLLEY, REV. WILLIE STEPHENSON, JUDGE BOEDEKER AND JCHC OFFICIALS SPOKE AND SOME OF MR. ROSE'S MUSIC WAS PLAYED. THIS SPECIAL EVENT WAS OVER 20 YEARS IN THE MAKING AND ATTENDEES ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT IT.



APRIL 24 JCHC DEDICATED A HISTORIC LANDMARK PLAQUE & NARRATIVE AT BENNETT'S DURING THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CLEBURNE



DURING 2025 JCHC BEGAN ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES OVER 50 YEARS OLD TO APPLY TO TX HIST. COMMISSION FOR RECOGNITION AS A **TEXAS BUSINESS TREASURE** - A FREE AWARD. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL ARE INTERESTED, BENNETTS REMAINS THE ONLY JOHNSON CO. BUSINESS TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD SO FAR.

SANDRA & JAMES NEELEY REPRESENTED JCHC THE **THC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE** IN APRIL 23-26, 2025, IN AUSTIN. SHOWN HERE WITH STEPHEN CURE HEAD OF MILITARY PROGRAMS AT THC WITH HIS NEW BOOK TEXAS IN THE GREAT WAR. HE IS THE PERSON WHO INVITED US TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MONUMENT DEDICATION IN FRANKLIN, TN REPRESENTING THE CITY NAMED FOR GEN. CLEBURNE WHO DIED THERE.



AT REAL PLACES, THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY HELD A SPECIAL SESSION ABOUT THE SITE IN WHICH JCHC'S LONGTIME RELATIONSHIP WAS MENTIONED.

JCHC DELIVERED 2 SUBMISSIONS TO THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY IN DENTON IN 2025

AS OF TODAY, JCHC'S ITEMS ON THE PORTAL HAVE BEEN VIEWED OVER 28,500 TIMES

MAY 12 JCHC APPOINTEES, CLEBURNE CITY COUNCILMAN REV. JOHN WARREN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ATTENDED COMMISSIONERS COURT REGARDING MR. WARREN'S DONATION TO JCHC OF HIS 2 BOOKS ABOUT THE LEGACY OF EAST CLEBURNE.

BOTH BOOKS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY FOR DIGITIZATION AND FREE ACCESSIBILITY BY EVERYONE WITH A COMPUTER THAT IS CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET.



IN MAY JCHC ASSISTED DESCENDANTS OF GRANDVIEW'S HISTORIC CROUCH FAMILY IN DONATING FAMILY MEMORABILIA TO GRANDVIEW FOR FUTURE DISPLAY THERE. THEY ARE SHOWN HERE WITH JCHC SECRETARY AMY NICHOLS OF GRANDVIEW, 2ND FROM THE RIGHT.



JUNE 6 (3) EXEC. COMMITTEE MEMBERS WENT TO WEATHERFORD TO MEET WITH PARKER CO. HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS THERE AND A POTENTIAL FRIENDS GROUP IN PARKER COUNTY.

IN JULY JCHC WAS HONORED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR OUR 4TH IN A ROW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM TX HIST. COMMISSION FOR 2024 ACTIVITIES.

SEPT. 17 SOME APPOINTEES ATTENDED A ZOOM PROGRAM WITH THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY REGARDING USE OF AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE SITE.

THE END OF OCTOBER/FIRST OF NOVEMBER REPLACEMENT OF FRONT & BACK PORCHES AT THE DOTEY HOUSE AND THE WHEELCHAIR RAMP OCCURRED - ALL PAINTED SAME COLOR AS THE OLD PORCHES AND WITH THE ADDITION OF SKID-PROOF PRODUCT IN THE PAINT FOR SAFETY.

3 TIMES IN OCTOBER THE EXEC. COMMITTEE VISITED THE ASSIGNED STORAGE UNIT (AKA **THE CAGE**) ON KILPATRICK AND TOOK INVENTORY OF JCHC ITEMS STORED THERE, INCLUDING 350 BOOKS ACCEPTED IN 2011 ON LOAN FOR 50 YEARS. A LIST OF THE 350 BOOKS WAS CREATED. JUDGE BOEDEKER'S OFFICE LOCATED AN HEIR AND OBTAINED WRITTEN DONATION OF OFFICIAL TRANSFER TO JOHNSON COUNTY.

AFTER SORTING BY TOPIC, THEY WILL BE PASSED ON BY JCHC TO APPROPRIATE NON-PROFITS. THE LOCAL SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAMP WILL ACCEPT THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES BOOKS. OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE AMERICAN INDIANS AND TEXAS + SOME LOCAL HISTORY FROM SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

THE EXEC. COMMITTEE HOPED TO FIND MISSING OBJECTS FROM THE MUSEUM'S INVENTORY BUT NONE WERE LOCATED AT THE STORAGE FACILITY AND THE WHEREABOUTS OF THOSE ITEMS REMAINS UNKNOWN.

WE DID FIND & RETURN MANY PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS HAD LISTED IN THE VAULT INDEX AS MISSING - INCLUDING A FRAMED SET OF AUTHENTIC 1860s CONFEDERATE \$500 BONDS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFRAMED AND NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE JUDGE'S RECEPTION AREA
ALSO FOUND WAS A PHOTO OF THE LAYING THIS BUILDING'S CORNERSTONE

MANY PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS FROM THE EMMETT BROWN COLLECTION WERE FOUND LOOSE IN THE CAGE RATHER THAN IN A DESIGNATED BOX IN THE VAULT WHERE THEY WERE ASSUMED TO BE.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, SEVERAL OF MY (CHAIR NEELEY'S) OWN RESEARCH FILES FROM WHEN I OBTAINED A TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER WERE FOUND LOOSE IN THE CAGE. THESE AND MANY ITEMS FROM THE JACK CARLTON COLLECTION ARE BEING RETURNED TO THE MUSEUM. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN HOW ANY OF THESE ITEMS CAME TO BE THERE.

ALSO FOUND WAS A BOX CONTAINING 194 ISSUES OF THE CLEBURNE EAGLE NEWS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN OUR NEXT SUBMISSION TO THE PORTAL.

1 PERSON WHOSE LOAN OF SEVERAL LARGE PIECES OF FURNITURE WAS ACCEPTED YEARS AGO FOR THE DOTEY HOUSE PASSED AWAY BEFORE PROVIDING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO US AND HER HEIR. JCHC MADE CONTACT WITH HER HEIR AND HE PROVIDED OFFICIAL DONATION DOCUMENTS SO THE ITEMS ARE NO LONGER ON LOAN.

FYI, JCHC NO LONGER ACCEPTS OFFERS OF ANY ITEM ON LOAN.

IN OCTOBER 4 APPOINTEES REPRESENTED JCHC AT BURLESON FOUNDERS DAY

AND APPOINTEES ATTENDED AN AREA CHC MEETING HOSTED BY PARKER CO. HISTORICAL COMMISSION AT WEATHERFORD'S DOSS HISTORY CENTER. AFTER THE PROGRAMS, WE WENT ON A TOUR OF THE LOG CABINS HOUSED ON THE SITE.



SHOWN ARE AN APPOINTEE FROM HOOD CHC AND JCHC ATTENDEES CHARLOTTE LAWSON, AMY NICOLS AND JAMES NEELEY. NOT PICTURED IS SANDRA NEELEY

OCT. 26 JCHC AND PCT 4 COMM. LARRY WOOLLEY ASSISTED FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF GRANDVIEW WITH A DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THEIR J.CO. HISTORIC LANDMARK PLAQUE AND NARRATIVE HONORING THEM AS THE OLDEST CONGREGATION IN JOHNSON COUNTY. NITA REDMON IS HISTORIC LANDMARK PROJECT CHAIR.



THE TIMES-REVIEW PROVIDED NEWSPAPER COVERAGE AND THIS EVENT WAS LATER NAMED AS 1 OF THE TOP 10 STORIES OF 2025.

PICTURED ARE 5 JCHC APPOINTEES, COMM. WOOLLEY, A VISITING CHURCH OFFICIAL, AND REV. SHARON SMITH, PASTOR OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH GRANDVIEW.

NOV. 4, CHAIR REPRESENTED JCHC AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP EVENT.



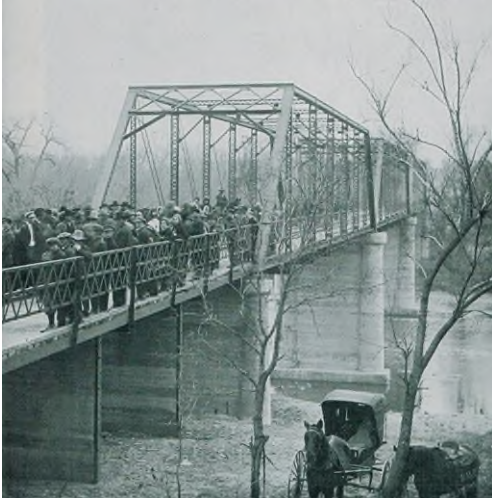
MID NOVEMBER JCHC APPOINTEES BEGAN CLEANING & DECORATING DOTEY HOUSE FOR CANDLEWALK DEC. 6

NOV. 24 JCHC DEDICATED 3 J.CO. HISTORIC LANDMARK PLAQUES - DILLON & SONS FUNERAL HOME, CHAF-IN RESTAURANT AND CENTRAL TEXAS BUS LINES AT DILLON DEPOT ON ANGLIN. COMMISSIONER WOOLLEY AND JUDGE BOEDEKER ATTENDED. REV. JOHN WARREN REPRESENTED CLEBURNE CITY COUNCIL AND SPOKE ABOUT MEMORIES HE HAS OF THE 3 SITES BEING HONORED. OVER 30 APPOINTEES AND GUESTS ATTENDED. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY JCHC'S FINAL MEETING OF 2025.



JCHC EXPECTS TO RECEIVE THE BRAZOS POINT BRIDGE TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER IN EARLY 2026. IT WILL BE JOINED BY A NEARBY DISPLAY OF AN ETCHING ON METAL OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BRIDGE'S ORIGINAL DEDICATION CEREMONY IN 1915.

ITS DISPLAY STAND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED USING A PIPE DONATED BY COMM. BAILEY, OTHER COMPONENTS AND LABOR DONATED BY JCHC APPOINTEES.



DEC. 6 - CANDLEWALK 130 VISITORS TOURED THE HOUSE. IT WAS FEATURED RATHER THAN TICKETED RESULTING IN FEWER VISITORS BUT THOSE WHO DID COME SEEMED TO BE GLAD THEY DID.





LINDA COULSTON BALL IS SHOWN IN HER FORMER BEDROOM TELLING VISITORS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOUSE AS A CHILD.



THANK YOU, JUDGE BOEDEKER AND FAMILY FOR TOURING THE HOUSE.

THE NEXT DAY JHC VOLUNTEERS TOURED THE SOC HOUSES THAT WERE TICKETED ALONG WITH OTHER DOCENTS. THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO ENJOY SEEING THE DOTEY-KIRKHAM HOUSE AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE.

SOME JHC OFFICERS ATTENDED BURLESON HERITAGE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL RECEPTION.

DEC. 12 - JHC HOSTED PARKER CO. HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A TOUR OF DOTEY HOUSE, THE MUSEUM & RESTORED COURTHOUSE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH TOGETHER. DEPUTY ARRIOLA CONDUCTED HIS USUAL INFORMATIVE TOUR.



IN 2025 (4) SECTION 106 REVIEW CONSULTING REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY JCHC CHAIR. THUS FAR NO CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO PROXIMITY OF HISTORIC SITES.

JCHC'S REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT TO TX HISTORICAL COMMISSION LISTED **3,250** VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2025.

JCHC REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND SAVE OLD CLEBURNE MEETINGS. JCHC ALSO WORKS WITH AND BELONGS TO THE CLEBURNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CLEBURNE.

APPOINTEES ARE ACTIVE IN AT LEAST 12 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHERE THEIR PRESENCE AS JCHC APPOINTEES IS KNOWN AND AT THEIR PLACES OF WORSHIP

ALTHOUGH SMALLER IN NUMBERS THAN IN PAST YEARS, JCHC CONTINUES OUR MISSION TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS AND THANKS THE JUDGE, THIS COURT AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT.