

Calhoun County Historical Commission Minutes
July 15, 2025

Calhoun County Historical Commission met July 15, 2025, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Larry Nichols presided. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Mr. Nichols. Guests included Stacy Meza, William Bozic, and Nicholas Jones. Attendees included: Larry Nichols, Mary Belle Meitzen, Gary Ralston, Vicki Cox, Jody Weaver, Sue Traylor, Eddie Tyler, JA Cuellar, Linda Munro, Steve Koch, Kieth Hubbard. Quorum met.

Minutes from May 13, 2025 and June 10, 2025 were read. Sue Traylor moved, second by Eddie Tyler, minutes be accepted as presented. Motion passed. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported no expenses. Total Accounts \$68,630.95 with Capital Outlay balance \$5,142.16. Chairman Nichols and treasurer Gary Ralston presented 2026 Budget Department Worksheet to Commissioners Court on July 8, 2025. Additional \$16,100 Miscellaneous was requested with items listed along with Capital Outlay \$4,900. There was no THC correspondence except Chairman emails.

Cemetery Chair Kieth Hubbard showed comparison photos of cleaner D2 and Wet and Forget. It was recommended that the Commission use Wet and Forget with a cost of \$40.00 compared to \$70.00 for D2. Sheryl and Jay Cuellar were thanked for mowing Little Mary's site. Hubbard also reported the Green Lake site may be opening in January 2026. John Foester and Robert Loflin are the historical designees. Gary Ralston exhibited a picture of the Pedestal Mold for Unmarked Graves. Jody Weaver moved, seconded by Eddie Tyler, that the Commission purchase the \$1200 set-up fee and two \$625.00 pedestal molds from D&D Statuary, Odem, Texas. Motion carried.

Chairman Nichols read excerpt from The Great Book of Texas emphasizing Frenchman's LaSalle influence in the development of Texas with the Spanish. LaSalle Monument National Register of Historic Places plaque will be shared with Commissioners Court before being mounted by Kieth Hubbard and Gary Ralston. After discussion, Jay Cuellar moved, second by Jody Weaver, that a tentative installation date, September 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. be held at the

LaSalle Statue. Motion carried. Eddie Tyler recommended directional signs be purchased.

NewBusiness:Members were encouraged to sign up for 2025 Goals. Commissioner Nichols visited Seadrift City Council to encourage completing a local history sign. Offsite storage for CCMuseum lease has been signed. Waiting for entrance floor repair. A new movable screen for Museum has been donated by CCISD. Considerable discussion on transporting hand hewed wooden canoe to offsite storage. Commission Input included consideration for new computer to update website.

Unfinished Business: Gary Ralston reporting Olivia Silhouette work will begin in September. Jody Weaver reported Half Moon Reef Lighthouse landscaping has been completed and the ADAH ramp construction will begin soon. Robert Loflin rebuilt entrance screen doors and repaired window screens. Wesley Abraham is searching for a new front door. Tombstone Tuesday received 30,157 views. Discussed placing it with Port Lavaca Wave on line for free content. Miss Grace Bierman by Jody Weaver was the July 15 feature. Other featured individuals included Thomas Bankhead, W.P.Regan and James Fulkerson. CCMuseum Director Vicki Cox reported 74 guests, a new display, "Old Causeway" on exhibit and featuring Past Hurricanes in the digital frames. Mrs. Cox is requesting help from the Bob Bullock Museum to restore Indigenous Peoples hand dug wooden canoe. Motion to adjourn was made by Jay Cuellar and second by Eddie Tyler. Chairman Nichols adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be August 12,2025.

