

MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular SESSION

February 10, 2020

9:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, the Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in Regular Session in the Courthouse in Matador, Texas. The following members present:

Jim Meador	County Judge
Douglas Campbell	Commissioner, Pct. #1
Roegan Cruse	Commissioner, Pct. #2
Franklin Jameson	Commissioner, Pct. #3
	Commissioner, Pct. #4
Lindsey Aldrich	County Clerk

Also, in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edward. Judge Meador called the meeting to order and Commissioner Campbell gave the invocation.

No. 247

Clerk Aldrich read the minutes from the previous regular session. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

There wasn't anyone from TXDOT present to give a report.

The outstanding bills and monthly reports were reviewed by the commissioners. Commissioner Cruse made the motion to approve all bills. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve the reports for the District and County Clerk, Extension Agent, Justice of the Peace, Library, Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector reports. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 248

Judge Meador provided the court with a printout showing that going through Buy Board to get the backhoe there would be an additional \$1,230.00. Commissioner Campbell stated that to his understanding that at the end of the year, if enough is purchased through Buy Board the county would get a percentage of the fees back. Commissioner Campbell then took the opportunity to let the court know that the backhoe in question had 1500 hours on it and new tires for \$64 thousand and stated that he was not aware of the \$1,230 fee when he presented the option previously. Commissioner Jameson asked about taking bids to try to avoid having to pay the extra fee. He also asked about the warranty that the proposal was showing to have. Commissioner Campbell stated it was the Powertrain and Hydraulic until 2400 hours. Judge Meador asked if there was an option for an extended warranty. Commissioner Campbell stated that there was for \$24 hundred or so. The court reviewed the specs to consider what to put on a bid advertisement if that was what the court decided to do. Judge Meador asked Treasurer Jones to confirm what percentage the county

would get back at the end of the year. Treasurer Jones stated that the county would get 1% of the fee amounts back and that it seems as though using Buy Board simply avoids the bid process if utilized. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to advertise for the county to accept bids for a used backhoe and list the same specs as what they had in the proposal. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion. The vote passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 249

The next item on the agenda was to review the annual Motley County Historical Committee Report. Judge Meador presented the court with the report that Marisue Potts brought. Commissioner Campbell stated that they had a meeting last week and they were looking at what to do to qualify for insurance savings for a new roof when the time comes. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to accept the report as presented. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 250

Commissioner Campbell provided the estimate from Earthbuilders for the Tom Ball Bridge on CR 205. Judge Meador asked how long they expected it to take. Commissioner Campbell stated he had been told 3 to 4 days or a week at the most. Commissioner Jameson expressed a concern that if a big rain comes the county would be right back to where we are. Commissioner Campbell stated that the plan was to clean it out so that the rocks and dirt can be placed to keep it from washing. Commissioner Jameson asked if Commissioner Campbell felt like this would be a long-term fix and Commissioner Campbell stated yes. Commissioner Cruse asked when they would be able to get to the project. Commissioner Campbell stated that they would get to it as soon as they finish with the bridge they are working on currently. Commissioner Campbell stated that he had told Kym that the Mobilization and Flowable Fill were high priced. He stated the Kym said it was because they were having to get it from further away. Commissioner Cruse pointed out that back in June the guy they had spoken with had quoted \$24,900; so, I seemed like Earthbuild was saving about \$5,000 but was doing less work. The court was all in agreement that they do not want a temporary fix. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to accept the proposed plan and Commissioner Jameson seconded that motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 251

The next item on the agenda was to approve a bond for the new Reserve Deputy Sheriff, James Solomon. Commissioner Jameson motioned to approve the bond. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

No. 252

The last item on the agenda was to consider a contract with Allison, Bass & Magee for re-districting. Judge Meador stated that he had received a letter about re-districting and making sure each precinct is within 10% of each other. Judge Meador went on to say that the firm requires \$5 thousand up front, \$5 thousand by October 31, 2020 and then the last \$5 thousand by October 31, 2022. If no re-districting is needed it would just cost the initial \$5 thousand. Judge Meador stated that he had spoken to other counties about who they were going to be using and most of them are going to be using Allison, Bass & Magee. Commissioner Jameson asked if SPAG did it anymore. Judge Meador stated they do not anymore. Commissioner Cruse asked if there was any other choice. Judge Meador stated that they might could do some looking for someone else; but, it was a good thing there's 3 years to pay for it with Allison, Bass & Magee. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to use Allison, Bass & Magee to do the re-districting. Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

There was no further business or discussion at this time. Commissioner Cruse made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jameson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote. Court adjourned at 11:42 am.

Signed: Ji Mead County Judge  
Franklin Jameson CommPct#1  
Roeyn Cruse CommPct#2  
Franklin Jameson CommPct#3  
Dan L. Stoffer CommPct#4

ATTEST Judith R. Hirsch County Clerk

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Page 2: Contact Information

Q1 Please enter the name of your county.

Motley

Q2 Enter name of CHC chair who managed 2019 work. If you have "co-chairs," pick the one chair who can be the one point of contact for our agency.

Name of 2019 CHC chair

Marisue Potts

Chair's address

P O Box 523, 1002 West US Hwy 70, Matador, Texas 79244

Chair's cell phone number

806 422-0767

Other phone number for chair

806 348-7137

Email address for chair

marisuepotts@hotmail.com

Q3 Info for individual filling out this report IF OTHER THAN CHAIR, so we can make further inquiries about report.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 3: Organizational Basics

Q4 Enter volunteer hours that were contributed in 2019. If you do not track hours, enter an approximate number. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours 700

Q5 Enter the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2019. Both items below must be answered using numbers only; do not use punctuation, symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC did not meet.

CHC full commission meetings in 2019 1  
 CHC committee meetings in 2019 6

**Q6** Provide the total number of CHC appointees serving in the 2019 year of service. Please enter numbers only for your answer; webpage will not advance if you enter punctuation, symbols, or text.

# of CHC appointees 8

**Q7** If needed, provide comments / clarifications about hours, appointee count, or meetings. Skip if no comment.

We have several very active members and others who are older and lend moral support. Our county has a population of about 1100 and we are 10th from the bottom in ranking. Our county government is struggling with hours being cut on the elected offices to save money. We do what we can with what we have.

Page 4: Organizational Basics (continued)

**Q8** Quorum is met when a majority of all appointees are present at a CHC meeting. Check the box next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2019. Clicking a circle selects the circle; clicking again will deselect the circle.

1-25% of full commission meetings made quorum

**Q9** Open Meetings Act training is offered by the Texas Attorney General's office on their website. All appointees should take this training so that your CHC adheres to applicable laws and policies concerning appointed roles. Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC appointees who have completed Open Meetings training.

1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

Page 5: Organizational Basics (continued)

**Q10** Check each way your CHC officially reported 2019 activities to your county officials.

Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s

Met with county commissioners,

Plan to present summary of 2019 accomplishments to commissioners court in early 2020

**Q11** Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2019.

County judge,

County commissioners,

Mayor/s of cities in your county,

City council members from cities within your county

Page 6: Financial Resources

**Q12** Which serves as the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

**No public or private accounts**

**Q13** Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the dollar amount, rounding amount up to the nearest dollar. Please do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2018:	0
Annual county allocation for 2019 (not including money for museums):	0
County money allotted for museums in 2019 (passing through CHC):	0
Any other money issued by county during 2019 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.):	0
CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2019:	0
Grant money provided to CHC in 2019:	0
Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2019:	0
"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues):	0
Any other money amounts for 2019 not already included above; DO NOT include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses.	0

**Q14** Provide any clarifications about above amounts; skip if you have no comments.

Individuals donate their time and resources as they are able but we do not ask for money from our county.

Page 7: Financial Resources (continued)

**Q15** Check the alternative funding methods that apply to your CHC in 2019.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q16** In-kind donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge. Check any in-kind donations provided by your COUNTY in 2019.

**County does NOT provide any in-kind donations or services to the CHC**

Page 8: Organizational Planning

**Q17** Work plans define project tasks, responsible participants, and deadlines. Check the box by the statement that best reflects the state of CHC planning documents.

**CHC has a work plan but it is simply a list of work that needs to be accomplished**

**Q18** Check the boxes below that identify areas where concerted efforts were made to improve work in 2019 relative to previous years of service. Skip if none apply to your CHC.

- Partnerships,**
- Community outreach to adults,**
- Community outreach to young people,**
- Online presence of CHC and/or county history,**
- Improved an ongoing CHC project / event,**

If you'd like, provide brief comments about work related to boxes checked above.:

Our strength comes from the individual members who are members of other organizations accomplishing similar goals in the preservation and sharing of the history of our county and the region, as well as the archeological, geological, and cultural resources.

Page 9: CHC Appointee Education

**Q19** Enter the number of CHC appointees who attended each training type or training from the listed organization. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.

CHC Orientation webinar (available on THC website)	1
THC museum workshop or webinar	1
THC Archeology Steward training	2
Texas Heritage Trails regional nonprofit	2
Texas Archeological Society	3
Any other history-related opportunity (not hosted by your CHC)	4

**Q20** Check the box if your CHC provided or accessed the listed educational opportunity for its appointees.

**Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees**

**Used the THC website information to educate appointees**

**Met regionally with other CHCs to share experiences and efforts**

Provide additional information about educational topics covered in events associated with the boxes you checked above. Note if other CHCs attended your educational events.:

Our region hosted the Texas Archeological Society's Field School in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, so some CHC members helped collect and collate material to be distributed at registration, three participated in the surveys and excavations during the ten days of activities. Then 2 attended the Steward Training and volunteered at the TAS Annual Meeting in Amarillo, chairing or participating in sessions or volunteering as needed in the Book Fair or preparation and cleanup. One member attended the Building Better Exhibits program at Panhandle Plains Historical IMuseum, along with other CHC organizations. This program also introduced the TX DOT historical banner program, which was very interesting and helpful. All of these events were two hours away from our homes or perhaps more people could have participated.

Page 10: CHC Stewardship and Survey

**Q21** Please acknowledge accuracy of reporting answers.

**I certify that, when specified by questions and information requests below, my answers will reflect CHC work performed in the 2019 year of service.**

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**Q22** Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2019.

**Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county**

**Visit sites to monitor the physical condition of subject MARKERS in your county**

**Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)**

**Visit sites to monitor the physical condition of properties DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic**

**Maintain an inventory of CEMETERIES in your county, Visit sites to monitor the physical condition of CEMETERIES in your county**

**Maintain an inventory of CEMETERY ORGANIZATIONS in your county**

**CHC planned or pursued work that altered a historic SCHOOL complex / campus**

Please provide brief comments about work related to monitoring the physical condition of historic resources. Also comment on work that altered the courthouse, square, schools, or plazas if you checked those boxes above.:

In partnership with The Canyonlands Archeological Society, we located, documented, photographed, and recorded the ruins of The Barton School that had 36 students in the 1930's, drawing from the surrounding farm and ranch land on the North Pease River. Of the original brick building, only a foundation, metal artifacts, cement steps and floor. We also recorded the location and foundation of the teacherage in the same pasture. This was located on a designated Historic Centennial Ranch, The Barton Place. When I reported some years ago, the negligence on upkeep of The Traweek House, a Texas Historic Landmark home in Matador, I was told there was no recourse that THC could take in either encouraging repairs or removing the designation. Fortunately, that property has changed ownership and is in better shape now.



**Q23** Are you aware of ongoing work that is managed by individuals / organizations other than the CHC?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 11: CHC Stewardship and Survey (continued)

**Q24** Please read the survey description above. If your CHC has performed work associated with formal cultural and historic resource survey, use the comment box below to describe survey work completed in 2019. Include work to initiate or maintain existing surveys. Skip question if CHC has not performed this type of survey work.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 12: CHC Programs and Events



**Q25** Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2019.

**Provided tours of historic buildings (other than courthouses) and/or sites within the county**

**CHC appointees volunteered at a historic site that is open to the public at large**

**Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)**

**Provided an inventory of subject MARKERS for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)**

**Provided an inventory of CEMETERIES for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)**

**Provided educational events / presentations / info on preservation / history to audiences outside your CHC**

**Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives**

If you'd like, provide brief comments about work related to boxes checked above. Consider providing details for these events in the Project Description section at the end of this report.:

Educational talks and articles about the history of our county and region have been presented to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Comanchero Canyons Museum, The Canyonlands Archeological Society and the Panhandle Archeological Society. One member maintains and provides tours for the public and students at the Historic Motley County Jail. Another member is a regional representative for TAS. We have partnered with Comanchero Canyons Museum with their tourism event The Rendezvous; worked with the Missouri stage coach crew from Last Stage to Matador in 2018 in planning their return route in 2020; facilitated a fund raiser for the Motley County Historical Museum, Chuckwagon Gathering and Branding; sponsored a non-profit tourism event, The West Texas Flint Knapping; and facilitated a tour of Historic Mott Line Camp for Boy Scouts and a Agri-Life Extension Wildlife Conference with 100 attendees.

**Q26** Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2019.

**Identified and/or researched historic highways, roads, and trails in your county**

**Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county**

**Identified and/or researched waterways, dams, irrigation districts, etc. in your county**

**Identified and/or researched parks and/or open spaces,**

If you'd like, provide brief comments about work related to boxes checked above.:

Through research of archives and abstracts, as well as on the ground metal detecting, we have identified a portion of the 1870's Mackenzie's Military Trail from one campsite to another in what was once the Historic Matador Land & Cattle Company of Dundee, Scotland. The trail crosses Cottonwood Motte Creek and Chimney Creek and Boggy Springs, tributaries of the Middle Pease River. In partnership with Canyonlands Archeological Society, we have researched, excavated portions of the village of Whiteflat and its main business from 1907 to 1960, a cotton gin yard. In doing so a trash pit turned out to be an early dugout dwelling, with packed dirt floors, steps, and benches, and was heated by a charcoal stove. Several personal items were recovered as well.



**Q27** Are you aware of ongoing work in your county related to these preservation-related matters?

**Areas of development within county that could impact cultural / historic resources**

Please share what you know about work related to the boxes you checked above.:

Wind Farm Development was knocking at the door, and many ranches leased their land for potential development. At night all we can see is red lights on every horizon. We urge those who desire to keep their historic property or culturally significant sites free of this incursion to record historic sites with the Texas Archeological Research Lab in Austin or to consider a Conservation Easement.



**Q28** Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2019.

- City officials,
- Local businesses,
- Libraries,
- Museums,
- Cemetery organizations,
- Archeology organizations,
- Texas Archeology Stewardship Network (work with the stewards)
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- Texas Heritage Trails regional nonprofits,
- Tourism organizations / visitors bureaus,
- Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Page 15: CHC Partnerships (continued)

**Q29** Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

- CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s,
- CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum

**Q30** When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC.

- 51-75% of CHC time spent on museum related work

**Q31** Please note the name, address, phone number, and operating hours for each of the museums the CHC operates.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 16: 2019 Project Descriptions

**Q32 Project Description #1 (of 3)**—Share ONE project, effort, or service that resulted in a preservation and/or protection outcome. Projects may include, but are not limited to, building rehabilitations, site clean-ups, digitization of archival documents, oral history, etc. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role -- note partners in planning and/or implementation; note how each contributed-- impact of the project/effort/service—improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Motley County

Chuckwagon Gathering and Branding of Ranch or Family Brands

Held on the museum grounds this event was promoted by a Motley County Commissioner whose brother provided the restored mountain chuckwagon as a backdrop to the branding fire. Their father had undertaken a similar branding as a museum fund raiser in 1990. In 2019 their mother and other CHC members assisted with the brisket and bean lunch at the wagon and gave tours of the seventeen-room, two-story museum, formerly the Traweek Hospital.

The tourism event captured the attention of many who had never taken the time to tour the museum and resulted in three new volunteers and several displays of historic cattle brands. Approximately \$5,000 was raised for the Motley County Historical Museum to help pay for electrical repairs and the replacement of two new heat pumps, required after a tree toppled onto a major electrical line during a wind storm.

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**Q33 Project Description #2 (of 3)**—Share ONE project, effort, or service that was developed to educate the citizens of your county and/or celebrate history with the citizens of your county. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role-- note partners in planning and/or implementation; note how each contributed -- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Motley County

Our CHC sponsored the West Texas Flint Knapping project that afforded the opportunity to educate the public about the ancient art of creating lithic arrow points and tools, offer instruction and demonstrations, and view the historic collections of private individuals. Regional news articles drew attention to the event and brought a wide array of visitors to our unique foothill Caprock region. Among the instructors was a master knapper who has been designated as a Cherokee National Treasure and demonstrated at the Museum of Native Americans at the Smithsonian. He especially took pride in teaching kids how to make an arrowhead. Visitors went away with a real appreciation for the skill that Native Americans exhibited in their tool kits.

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**Q34** Project Description #3 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that was developed to educate audiences OUTSIDE of your county or celebrate history with audiences OUTSIDE of your county. Many CHCs report on heritage tourism activities or public symposiums that are outside of the county. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role -- note partners in planning and/or implementation; note how each contributed-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

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The Texas Archeological Society's 2019 Field School was held in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Members of our CHC who are also TAS members, were given the task of collecting brochures and advertisements, collating the material and stuffing 300 bags to be used at registration. A pickup load of boxes were delivered upon arrival and the three members were registered to survey, excavate, or record sites during the ten days of Field School. At the conclusion, these members set up a table to promote their own preservation projects and sponsored the Cherokee National Treasure flint knapper, which proved to be a very popular demonstration to the visitors who had come to see what had been discovered during the TAS investigations. Our members participated in the cleanup on the following day and assisted in packing and stacking as needed. The experience of a field school in such an historic place was educational and provided opportunities for networking with people all across the state.

Page 19: CHC Comments for the THC

**Q35** Share your thoughts on THC and/or CHC Outreach services that have helped your CHC.

The visit from Nano Calderon was helpful and served to prove that, although small in population and limited in finances, we do matter to THC.

The visit from Suzanne Thompson of the Texas Lakes Trails to document a doily and its creator's story for a traveling exhibit was a pleasure and surprise that she too would find something of value in our efforts to preserve history.

The Webinar on Museum Insurance was helpful, although that was a TAM offering as I recall.

As a chairman, I appreciate the webinars because I don't often have time to travel nor the inclination to spend my own money on lodging--we volunteers must pay our own way, something I think administrators don't always consider.

The workshop on creating great exhibits was only two hours away in Canyon and I found it very useful and informative. I plan to use what I learned when I find the a way to make the signage and banners, other than the copy machine and pasteups we now use.

On our student tours, we have finally enlisted a teacher's aide to help us with scavenger hunts as the fifth graders tour the museum and our members act as docents. Asking each child to look for a specific item in the seventeen rooms and report back made for a very interesting perspective for our CHC docents.

**Q36** If you'd like, share information not already submitted in this report. Feel free to comment on specific preservation issues--successes and/or challenges--in your county.

Motley County is losing population, five funerals in the last two weeks, and we are losing the battle in bringing our children back to live in a rural community. History is about all we have and its preservation is in jeopardy. When our members can no longer manage, who will?