



JEFFERSON COUNTY
Historical Commission

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JCHC Executive Board
Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 4:00 PM
Museum of the Gulf Coast
700 Procter Street
Port Arthur, TX 77640

Call to Order / Greetings – Chair Theresa Goodness welcomed Executive Board Members:

Les McMahan – First Vice-Chair
Paul Prosperie – Second Vice-Chair
Linda McMahan – Secretary / Treasurer / Coordinator
(Ron Ellington – Past Chair – Absent)
Guest: Sarah Bellian, Certified Local Government Chair /
Historic Preservation Officer

Introduction of Guest – Chair Goodness shared that because of incomplete work, the grant deadline for the Certified Local Government Subgrant for Fiscal Year 2016 was not met. After the JCHC Chair and Coordinator met with Judge Jeff Branick, the JCHC requested Commissioners Court to consider and remove the current Historic Preservation Officer for Jefferson County, Ramona Hutchinson, and appointed Sarah Bellian as her replacement. The request was placed on the December 7, 2015 Commissioners Court Agenda and was approved by a 5 - 0 vote. With Sarah's preservation background, grant writing experience and having served on the CLG Committee, the Executive Board was pleased that Sarah accepted the offer to serve as the County HPO.

Theresa reminded the Board and Sarah that the first priority of the Certified Local Government Chair (HPO) is to establish a process for undertaking a survey of the cultural resources within their jurisdiction. Since Beaumont and Port Arthur are already a CLG, Jefferson County is responsible for all remaining areas in the County. Theresa handed out a map showing the areas that Jefferson County CLG is responsible.

Theresa turned the meeting over to Sarah to share her ideas. Sarah had previously sent a draft plan to Theresa which was shared with the Executive Board before the meeting. After a question and answer period, Sarah said she would have a final proposed draft on Monday, January 11, 2016. (See attached copy.) If the Executive Board was in agreement with the draft, a meeting date would be set for sometime in February or early March. Previously scheduled events at the Museum and voting in county elections are preventing a set date at this time.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.