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April Long, County Clerk  
Johnson County Texas

Deputy

Johnson County Courthouse – County Judge’s Office - 2 N. Main Street - Cleburne, Texas 76033

**AGENDA - MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2026 - 6 PM**  
**RESTORED COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 1ST FLOOR**

**NOTE: Everyone must enter & exit via 1 of the (2) basement doors which lock at 6:30**

1. **Call to Order 6:00 pm**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flags**
4. **Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**
5. **Announcements**
6. **Secretary’s Report** - Amy Nichols
  - A. Additions/corrections to Nov. 24, 2025, minutes as printed and mailed; Approval of same
  - B. Other Secretarial matters and new applications for appointment
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – James Neeley
  - A. Treasurer's Report & Expenditures for Dec. 2025, Jan & Feb 2026 (copies available on sign-in table)  
Approval of same
  - B. **Vote** to purchase 1,000 **JCHC brochures** based on proof and written quote from Bennett's
  - C. Save Old Cleburne dues (\$20/year) suggested \$1 donation from each appointee to pay dues for 2026
  - D. Discussion of dues for Hist. Downtown Cleburne & Chamber of Commerce and other financial matters
8. **Old Business**
  - A. Update on courthouse photos for Bob Bullock Museum exhibit if available
  - B. Other Old Business (discussion only) Also see Committee Reports
9. **New Business** - Also see Committee Reports
  - A. Next **JCHC meeting March 23, 2026 – 6 pm** Suggested Location - Dotey House at 409 N. Buffalo St.
  - B. 25 padded folding chairs (owned by JCHC) moved to Dotey House Meeting Room; standard metal folding chairs removed by Facilities Mgmt.
  - C. **Vote** to provide a resolution (aka letter of support) to accompany the County’s grant application for repairs to restored courthouse steps, elevator, dome, flagpole, etc. Executive Committee to sign the letter.
  - D. Other New Business – discussion only

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Texas Historical Marker and Texas Historic Cemetery Designations**

Updates: Brazos Point Bridge THM and display stand for photo etching - Ben Head/Andy Asberry

**B. Johnson Co. Historic Landmark Plaques & Dedications and Texas Treasure Business** – Nita Redmon, Project Chair  
Dedication of **J N Long Building** Historic Landmark Plaque & Narrative

**Vote** to bestow, order and fund any new Johnson County Historic Landmark plaque and narrative applications presented. Authorize JCHC Chair to purchase the narrative upon receipt and approval of final draft and written quote from Bennett's at the not-to-exceed amount of \$\_\_\_\_ (\$100, \$200, etc. as determined)

Update & **vote** to bestow (if available) applications: **Burger Bar, Cleburne American Legion Post**, and others.

Update on any **Texas Treasure Business** (TTB) applications in process.

Dedication of TTB award at **Bennett's**

**C. Friends of JCHC** - Friends donation table Dec. 6 at Dotey House (during Candlewalk) - JCHC, SOC and other volunteers (Non-JCHC appointees) were mailed thank you letters by JCHC + Linda Coulston Ball  
Other old or new business

**D. Dotey-Kirkham House (aka Little Old House)**

Report on **Candlewalk** Dec. 6, 2025

Volunteer who will represent JCHC at Save Old Cleburne meetings and report to JCHC (2nd Mon 7 pm JN Long)

Report on **Parker Co. Historical Commission** tour Dec. 12, 2025, of Dotey House and restored courthouse

Discuss passing of former appointee Barbara Robinson Dec. 28, 2025, and that her items on loan to Dotey House passed to her son upon her death.

**Vote** on Memorandum of Donation form transferring the items from Barbara Robinson's heir to JCHC.

**Vote** on Memorandum of Donation form- official acceptance of the working **record player** (aka Victrola) in the parlor at Dotey House. Note: Original verbal / undocumented donation was in 2017.

IF available, vote on any bids for Dotey House repairs such as gutters/downspouts, ceilings, walls, etc.

A list of needed supplies is being created. JCHC will vote to purchase when written pricing is presented in the Spring.

Melaine Holcomb volunteered to repair the **friendship quilt** at the Dotey House

**Vote** to purchase supplies when written pricing is presented

Discuss pricing, source, consider purchasing a rack to hold the 25 padded folding chairs now at Dotey House

Any **non-JCHC** meetings held or planned at the house: Please let Chair Neeley know in advance.

**E. Courthouse Museum** (Copies of Monthly Reports for Dec/Jan & Feb available on sign-in table)

Consider any other newly-offered items with Memorandum of Donation forms and photographs

**350 books** on 50-year loan since 2011 were accepted by Commissioners Court Dec. 2025 from an heir of the deceased donor, making them official property of Johnson County. JCHC to sort by topic asap and pass them on at our discretion to non-profits.

**Vote** to pass on the **War Between the States books to Terry's Texas Rangers SCV Camp #1937**

**Vote** to pass on genealogy/city/county related books to their respective county commissions, genealogical societies, libraries, etc. at JCHC discretion.

Discuss how and where to offer the books about American Indians and Texas.

**Inventory**

Documentation of some of the museum's furniture was found at the storage facility. Other documents found there continue to be returned to the museum. A Jack Carlton archival box is being created for his misc. items.

F. **Burleson** – Pat Dexheimer and Vivian Wright

G. **Digitization - The Portal to Texas History** - Sandra Neeley

Melaine Holcomb typed IDs of a Cleburne High class photo and Marsha Buckner scanned and is working to ID Mrs. Zetta Rice's photo album. These and 194 Cleburne Eagle News found at the storage facility are to be delivered to The Portal before Sept. 1, 2026. Final list with pricing and delivery reimbursement to be voted on in June or July.

Update on submitting audio tapes found at the storage facility - Amy Nichols

H. **Reports & Updates from any other Committee or Project not listed and/or Calendar of Events**

Adjourn

## 2026 JCHC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Please wear your JCHC name badge to Johnson Co. Historical Commission events)

- FEB** 9 JCHC annual report to Commissioners Court - 9 a.m.  
23 JCHC Meeting 6 pm – Restored courthouse conference room
- MAR** 23 JCHC Meeting 6 pm – probable location Dotey House - to be confirmed 2-23-2026  
Terry's TX Rangers to read Governor's proclamation
- APR** 8-10 TX Historical Commission Real Places Conference in Austin - 2 from JCHC Exec. Comm. to attend  
17-18 Antique Alley Texas - Nita Redmon 817-666-5024  
18 Master Gardeners Sale 9-3 at Chisholm Trail Museum - free admission to the site  
27 JCHC Meeting 6 pm (Vote to change May meeting date due to Memorial Day)
- MAY** 3\* "Secrets of the Stones" Talking Tombstone Tour \*possibly the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. in May  
Date to be confirmed - Greenwood Cemetery - 300 Front St. - Weatherford  
26 JCHC Meeting 6 pm (Note date change due to Memorial Day)
- JUNE** 22 JCHC Meeting - Present written quote for items to be taken to The Portal before Sept. 1  
(Vote to send, pay invoices that result & reimburse for mileage)
- JULY** 27 JCHC Meeting
- AUG** 24 JCHC Meeting
- SEPT** 28 JCHC Meeting; Begin accepting reappointment applications for 2027 and 2028
- OCT** ? Burleson Founders Day  
26 JCHC Meeting; reappointment applications for 2027 and 2028
- NOV** 23 JCHC Las Meeting of 2026; last meeting to turn in reappointment applications  
Vote on appointee list & submit to Commissioners Court for approval prior to Jan. 25 meeting  
Begin decorating Dotey House for Candlewalk
- DEC** 5 Probable date of Candlewalk 2026  
? Wreaths across America
- Commissioners Court to process all JCHC reappointment applications for 2027 and 28 prior to Jan. 1, 2027

## 2027

- JAN** 25 Elect 2027 & 28 JCHC Executive Committee and appoint TX Historical Marker Chair;  
JCHC Exec. Committee & appointee list to be sent to Texas Historical Commission

**Contacts for Ongoing Events: (also see Facebook and Websites)**

**Burleson Ghost Tours** 817-295-5121 or 817-889-1610 <https://BurlesonHistoricalGhostTour.com>

**Save Old Cleburne** on Facebook

**Historic Downtown Cleburne** <https://historicdowntowncleburnetx.com>

**Terry's Texas Rangers** Official Terry's Texas Rangers Facebook page

**Russell Farm - 405 West CR 714 - Burleson** <https://www.burlesontx.com/calendar.aspx>

**Cleburne State Park** - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/cleburne>