

AGENDA  
***MEETING NOTICE***  
***BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS***  
***HISTORICAL COMMISSION***

WHEN: Thursday, August 16, 2018 - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Judge Val Beard Office Complex Conference Room  
Alpine, Brewster County, Texas

AGENDA: **BREWSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Brewster County Historical Commission may discuss and/or take action on any of the following items:

1. Call the meeting to order, with the Recognition and Introduction of Members and Visitors.
2. Public Comments for items not on the agenda.
3. Review of “By Laws” for the Brewster County Historical Commission.
4. Brewster County Historical Commissioners, Review the various governing rules and statutes that create the County Historical Commissions and the duties of the members as established by the State and the County Commissioners Court.
5. Review the committee assignments of the Brewster County Historical Commissioners
6. Approval of the **Minutes** for the May 16, 2018 meeting.
7. Report of the **Auditor**, Ms. Mellela Bell.
8. The plan for Brewster County “**VISIONARIES IN PRESERVATION PROGRAM**” is located on the THC web page.
9. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) annual reports for Brewster County were filed. Brewster County was designated as a distinguished county.
10. General report and program on Historic Texas Courthouses, Foundation for the Future. Update on funding program for the Courthouses as reported from THC.
11. Review the **Junior Historian Program and the History Fair Program conducted at Sul Ross State University**. A request has been made to the Brewster County Historical Commission for funding this project again this year (February 2019), to be followed by the State program in Austin.
12. Report on the Annual “Mountain - Pecos Regional area meeting, for the county historical commissioners of this area. Pecos County had originally agreed to sponsor this for year 2017. To date no action has been provided. Notice was received that

Crocket County Historical Commission has a program set on September 15, 2018 for our regional annual meeting.

13. Report of the Committee on **Historical Markers in Brewster County** and local inquires for new markers.
  14. Report of the Committee on **Historical Designation of Cemeteries**. An updated log report of the various cemeteries in Brewster County will be discussed. A committee will be appointed to prepare this project report.
  15. Report of the Committee on Funding from **Grants or Special Programs**.
  16. Report on the program of **Oral History**.
  17. Report by BCHC Member, of the **General Land Office**, Austin, Texas about the **Adopt - A - Map Program**.
  18. Report and reviews prepared for pending **Texas Department of Transportation** Street, Road and Bridge improvements and other projects that require a **Section 106** review by the Historical Commission for Brewster County which may be required.
    - A. **Terlingua Goast town** pending area **RADIO** tower location and its impact on the historical features to the project site. (See plans attached hereto).
    - B...**Study Butte** pending area **RADIO** tower location and its impact on the historical features to the project site. (See plans attached hereto).
- Both of the sites are in the area of the Comanche trail crossing into Mexico. The towers are indicated to be steel and will have a height proposed to be 270 feet above the ground elevation. Each site has a proposed road access easement and site easement with a chain link fence around the tower site area. There are proposed small structures on each location. The night dark skies regulations set by Brewster County and the FAA clearance lights for these tower requirements must be addressed. The easements shown on the plans must be recorded in the deed records of Brewster County. The development plan regulations of Brewster County require that the plans should be signed by both an Engineer and Land Surveyor registered in Texas. There are no archaeoiagy reports of the sites furnished with the project data that are now submitted for our reviews. The notice of pending construction of towers of greater size than the ground site they set on should be known to the citizens of the area. There is an existing Heliport for emergence services site in the local area of the Study Butte project. The *local* airport and a second Heliport is located between Terlingua and Study Butte, along the south side of FM Highway 170.
19. Report on the map and sign program of historical interest and locations in conjunction with the **THC Mountain Trail System** and the **Brewster County Tourist Council**.

This includes the placement of historic information signage along the various roads and highways in Brewster County. Copies of several of these signs are on display in the Courthouse Annex Halls. The Mendoza Spanish and Arrowhead markers are in place. The Apache and Comanche signs are also in place. The four ranching signs are in draft form. Review and discuss the historical road log program sponsored by the **Brewster County Tourist Council**

20. Update report on the continual research for location of addition Historical Photographs for placing in display cases or frames in the Court House Corridor, the Old Post Office (Tax Office), South Brewster County Building, Schools, Court Rooms etc. This includes the pictures of all of the Brewster County Judge's for which we still need three pictures. Future District Judge Pictures are being located for display in the District Court Room. Also a time line plan and document records of the historical sequences of actions by the State of Texas in the creation of counties by date and the legislative action starting with Bexar, Presidio, Brewster, Foley and Buchel Counties followed with the disbandment of Foley and Buchel. This exhibit will be placed on the walls of the entrance to the District Court Room on the second floor of Brewster County Courthouse.
21. **Old Business:**
  - A. Review the budget for 2018 and authorize payment of various accounts from the Brewster County Historical Commission operating fund.
  - B. Discuss the progress of the research of Brewster County area Place Name. The location of various ranches and property sites as described on various early day maps will be reviewed, updated and corrections made as to the specific site locations. There are several errors as to the correct locations and names of each operation. A committee will be appointed to work on this project.
  - C. Report and review of request received from the **public inquiries** on people, place names and dates related to the Brewster County area.
  - D. The THC staff has several scheduled programs of training sessions for County Historical Commissioners set for the near future according to THC in Austin. (See the THC Webb page for details on these programs)
  - E. Report and review of the road log of historical markers in Brewster County.
22. **New Business** and other matters that may be brought up by Members of the Commission.
  - A. Discuss new programs for the **2018** meetings and possible future field trips.
  - B. Review various **dates of future meetings** of County Historical Commission.
  - C. Comments, suggestions, and information observed by Commission members.
  - D. Review and discuss an updated report from Dr. Kip Sullivan on the "**THC PROPOSED ALPINE PROJECT**" to identify historic structures in the City of Alpine.
  - E. The **Center for Big Bend Studies** annual meeting will be in November 2018 in Alpine.
  - F. Consider and develop a list of sites and subjects identified by the Historical Commission on subjects that have a historic interest in Brewster County.
  - G. Review and discuss an update to the work plan of the historical commission.

23. **THC Mountain Trail System** will conduct a meeting in Alpine in September 2018. No action by the BCHC.
24. **For Information Report:** Brewster County was created by the Legislature on February 2, 1887. Foley and Buchel Counties were annexed into Brewster County in 1897. This resulted in Brewster County becoming the largest County in Texas. The existing courthouse was accepted September 1888 by the commissioner's court.
25. **Reminder:** The seminar for certification of commissions of the county to comply with the **OPEN MEETING & OPEN RECORDS RULES AND REGULATIONS** must be completed by all members of the Historical Commission.
26. **Work Session:** for the various BCHC committees should be scheduled by each committee to review the various programs and work assignments identified for each committee.
27. **Program:** Continuing a review of new framed maps of Brewster and Buchel counties in 1897, the 1902 map of the Terlingua mining area, the military map of the Presidio County military camps and fort ca. 1883, and of Brewster County in 1921 showing areas "surveyed" by James Gano that were actually in Mexico) provided by Dr. Paul Wright which were obtained from the General Land Office. A report has been provided which is detailed on the settlement and construction of the Presidio at San Vincentia, and San Carlos Mexico. Both of these early settlements were constructed in 1774. Included in this review are those pictures of various historic items now on display in the Val Beard Building Office Complex.
24. **Adjourn**

**Brewster County Historical Commission**  
**This notice duly posted the 13th Day of August 2018**

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