



## GRIMES COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2026 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathy Wells at 6:00 PM.

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags were said.

**Ms. Mary Ann Waters made the motion to accept previous meeting minutes with an amended note to collections and archives. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marilyn Bettes and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Susan Boudreaux presented the March & April Treasury Report, which will be filed as read.

Ms. Kathy Wells presented a Chairman's Report.

### **Committee Updates:**

No reports on Collections & Archives, Historic Anderson Park, Bylaws, Strategic Planning, Historic Preservation, Cemetery, Archive Building or Military.

**Historic Markers** – Updates provided by Ms. Kathy Wells on marker events held in April.

**Publicity & Events** – Updates provided by Ms. Brenda Storey. Discussion regarding plans to support future THC event scheduled for October 10.

**Liberty Tree** – Updates provided by Ms. Marilyn Bettes. Williams Tree Farm located in Anderson will donate a 1.45 gallon sized live oak tree that should be planted very soon before the summer.

**Metal Detecting** – Updates provide by Mr. Billy Smith. Reminder of participation in Texas association of metal detecting club event being held April 25-27 in Temple.

### **Old Business:**

**Artifacts storage, etc** – Items scheduled to be moved on April 23th to storage facility.

**Fundraisers** – Idea to hold an events committee meeting to discuss future fundraisers.

**Festival Updates** – Meeting scheduled for April 15 at Chamber to plan details.

**Rocky Creek Bridge** – Commissioners Court approved officially moving and donating the bridge.

**Grants Update** –Texas Preservation grant application was withdrawn.

No new business.

**Announcements:**

Fanthorp Inn events report was not presented.

Next Regular Meeting: May 11, 2026

Reminder of April 18 James H. Washington historical marker dedication ceremony

Reminder of April 18 Confederate Park Event in Anderson marking 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mariana Almanza-Cook, GCHC*