



**GRIMES COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 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 November 10, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jill Myers and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Marilyn Bettes made the motion to accept January 12, 2026 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brenda Storey and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer report attached.

Chairman Report presented.

Committee Updates:

No reports from Bylaws, Historic Preservation and Metal Detecting.

Collections & Archives – Ms. Bruce Lipscombe and Ms. Sarah Nash have completed organizing the Becker House items.

Historic Markers – John and Jill McNair home of Bonnie Lokey in Navasota marker dedication scheduled for April 11. James H. Washington marker dedication at Carver School in Navasota scheduled for April 18.

Historic Anderson Park – Updates provided by Ms. Kathy Wells.

Publicity & Events – Washington-on-the-Brazos' Texas Independence Day event scheduled for February 28. Navasota Public Library market day booth planned.

Cemetery - Cemetery marker cleaning held at Odd Fellows in Anderson on February 7. Heritage Monuments has donated \$100 for d2 solution for future marker cleaning.

Archive Building – Visited Old Courtney Schoolhouse, but a concrete building is preferred for future collections archive location.

Military – Annual fundraiser for American Legion to be held on February 21.

Old Business:

Items at the Becker House – Items to be moved to storage facility.

Fundraisers – Ideas needed for future consideration.

Rocky Creek Bridge – To be moved to Gary Fugua’s property this week.

Grants – Texas Historic Commission grant submitted by Ms. Bruce Lipscombe.

America250 – Liberty tree in park project with volunteers helping find a donation.

Nothing to report for Festival and Park Maintenance.

New business:

Wreaths Across America – Discussion to make a standing rule to participate in WAA annually. Ms. Sherry Gillespie made the motion, the motion was seconded by Ms. Marilyn Bettles and the motion carried unanimously.

GCHC hosted regional meeting October 10 – Plans to include Fanthorp Inn and historic courthouse.

Announcements:

Fanthorp Inn events report – Presented by Mr. Chandler Wahrmund.

Collections management policy for artifacts and archives suggested by Ms. Bruce Lipscombe.

Next Regular Meeting: March 9, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mariana Almanza-Cook, GCHC