

November 22, 2024

Dear Lubbock County Commissioners:

As Chair of the Lubbock County Historical Commission, I respectfully submit the following names for appointment to the Lubbock County Historical Commission for the 2025-2026 term. Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code directs you to make appointments by December 31. The LCHC By-laws state that the outgoing Commission Chairperson should advise the County Commissioners' Court on this point at the time appointments are made. As outgoing LCHC Chair, I recommend that the following members be appointed. In addition, I have agreed, if so desired, to continue another term as Chair. Cameron Saffell requests that he continue as Historic Preservation Officer.

Fifteen current members have requested re-appointment.

Sandy Fortenberry
Deborah Bigness
Lacee Hoelting
Cindy Martin
Cameron Saffell
Carolyn Sowell
Rodney Thomas
Robert Weaver

Sally Abbe
Valorie Duvall
Peter Laverty
Floyd Price
Gretchen Scott
David Lee Staggers
Dub Wade
Brooke Witcher

I recommend that applicant Joni Rodela be appointed for 2025-2026 term (resume on file).

The statute directs that at least seven county residents be appointed; according to the LCHC By-laws, the Commissioners Court shall appoint a number of members appropriate to handle effectively the work assigned to LCHC. For the 2025-2026 term, seventeen is the recommended number of LCHC members.

Each member of the Lubbock County Historical Commission is obligated to actively participate in the meetings, activities, and projects. Specific duties may include:

- Participate actively in projects which foster the purpose of this Commission;
- Conduct tours of historic areas, deliver lectures or present programs on topics of local history;
- Attend Commission meetings, programs, and activities, including marker dedication ceremonies;
- Serve and actively participate on one or more LCHC committees;

- Record at least fifty (50) hours of volunteer service each calendar year performing the above activities; and,
- Submit summary information of activities and hours of service to the LCHC Chairperson for inclusion in the Commission's annual report.

Lubbock County Historical Commission is an active organization, relying on its members to fulfill our mission of preserving and promoting the history of Lubbock County. Our members logged over 3,000 volunteer hours in 2023. For the 16th consecutive year, the Texas Historical Commission recognized LCHC with its Distinguished Service Award for the 2023 year of service. These accomplishments are all dependent on dedicated members. I believe this list of recommended appointees will allow LCHC to continue accomplishing the goals we have set.

Respectfully,

Sandy Fortenberry

Sandy Fortenberry, Chair
Lubbock County Historical Commission