

1. Please enter the name of your county.

ATASCOSA

2. Enter your CHC chair name in the first box; a second box is given to list the name of a co-chair. Use the third box to enter in the address of your CHC office if you have a designated space or building; please do not enter the Chair's or another's personal address. Use the fourth box to enter in a telephone number if your CHC office has a designated telephone line for CHC calls and questions.

Name of CHC Chair - NORMAN F. PORTER, SR.

Name of CHC Co-chair - NONE AT THIS TIME

Address of CHC office - P.O. BOX 624, PLEASANTON, TEXAS 78064

Telephone number of CHC office - 830-569-2680

3. Enter the name of the person entering in report information.

NORMAN F. PORTER, SR.

4. Please provide the name and email address for the individual who can be contacted to answer questions about this report. If the individual does not use email, please provide a valid telephone number.

NORMAN F. PORTER, SR.

5. How many individuals are currently appointed to your CHC? Please enter numbers for your answer; do not use symbols or text.

of CHC appointees - 20

6. How many volunteer hours were contributed to CHC meeting, projects, and programs in 2011? Please enter numbers for your answer; do not use symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours - 3393

7. Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

THESE ARE VOLUNTEER HOURS TURNED IN. I DO BELIEVE SOME DID NOT TURN ENOUGH

8. Indicate the number of full commission meetings you held in 2011. Please use numbers; do not use symbols or text. If your CHC was inactive in 2011 and did not provide services to the county, please enter the number "0".

CHC meetings in 2011 - 12

9. How often did you have a quorum present for your full commission meetings? Please check the percentage that best reflects your answer. You must have a majority of appointees present to constitute a quorum.

100% of full commission meetings had a quorum

10. What percentage of your CHC members have completed Open Meetings/Records training? Please check the box that best reflects your answer.

26-50% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

11. Who is the repository for CHC money? Check all that apply.

County treasury

12. Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to the source. Please use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; no text, no cents, no symbols. Each box requires an amount, so enter the number "0" if you do not have monies associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2010: - 332

Annual county allocation for 2011 (not including money for museums): - 1500

County money allotted for museums in 2011: - 0

Any other money issued by county during 2011 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.): - 0

CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.): - 0

Grant money provided to CHC in 2011: - 0

Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2011: - 0

"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues): - 0

Any other money amounts not already included above; do not include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses, which will be requested later in the report: - 0

13. Provide any comments/clarifications about the above amounts. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

LOCAL COMMISSION SELLS HISTORIC COUNTY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS.

14. What IN-KIND DONATIONS has your CHC received in 2011 from your COUNTY? In-kind donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge. Check all that apply.

Space for archive or records storage

Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above

Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc.

15. What IN-KIND DONATIONS has your CHC received in 2011 from individuals and/or organizations OTHER than your county? Check all that apply. Keep in mind that some of your CHC appointees may be providing these types of donations.

Meeting space for CHC

Space for archive or records storage

Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above

Project/event supplies

Project/event equipment

Architectural professional services

Preservation consulting professional services

Professional services of a historian

16. Considering the boxes that you checked on the previous page, please check the dollar range that best represents the amount of in-kind services and donations provided to your CHC. Don't stress finding an exact answer; just estimate!

\$550 - \$1,000

17. Check the dollar range that best represents the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by your CHC appointees. If you do not already track appointee out-of-pocket expenses, please start tracking these expenses, encouraging the county to reimburse appropriate expenditures, and thanking individuals for their donations.

\$550 - \$1,000

18. A work plan is a document defining project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. How often is your work plan updated? Please check the option below that best reflects your answer.

Updated after each CHC meeting

19. Who participates in your CHC planning process? Check all that apply.

CHC chair

CHC officers

CHC appointees

County judge

20. Please select the answer below that best reflects your county's involvement with survey work.

Have a survey but it has not been updated in the last 10 years

21. If you have a historic and cultural resources survey, please indicate the survey formats that apply to your survey.

Paper copy

22. Please check the box if your CHC keeps track of the following information.

No Response

23. Enter the names and locations of the endangered resources in your county—properties under threat of demolition, that are structurally unstable, that are in areas of encroachment, etc. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.

Benton City Institute-1874 near Lytle, Texas

24. Enter the names and locations of the cultural and historic resources demolished in your county in 2011. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.

No Response

25. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.

Reviewed marker applications

Maintain an inventory of subject markers in your county

Periodically assess the condition of subject markers in your county

Cleaned or repaired markers

Provided an inventory of subject markers for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

Maintain an inventory of properties that are designated by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)

Periodically assess the condition of properties designated by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic

Provided an inventory of properties that are designated as historic for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

Maintain an inventory of cemeteries in your county

Maintain an inventory of cemetery organizations in your county

Periodically assess the condition of cemeteries in your county

Cleaned or repaired objects in cemeteries

Provided an inventory of cemeteries for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

26. Check the work with which your CHC has been involved during 2008-2011.

Identified and/or researched areas of development within your county that could impact cultural and historic resources

Identified and/or researched historic highways, roads, and trails in your county

Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county

Identified and/or researched historic bridges and/or bridge types in your county

27. Check the work with which your CHC has been involved during 2010-2011.

Researched or pursued repair for a historic school complex/campus

Participated in activities associated with El Camino Real de las Tejas National Historic Trail Association

Researching routes of old cattle trails through area

28. In the text box below provide a list of the different landscapes that were involved in your 2011 body of work. A sample response to this request would be if Kaufman CHC noted that they pursued funding to maintain and promote interpretation of the Kaufman County Poor Farm. Details of this project could be provided in the Project Description section at the end of the report.

No Response

29. Please check all comments, actions, and programs that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011. There is also the opportunity to indicate that you are unsure about certain actions or programs listed in this question.

No Response

30. Explain the extent of your role in reviewing and/or making recommendations for historic tax exemptions or incentives. Please skip this question if your CHC does not have a role in this work.

No Response

31. Indicate the work in which your CHC was actively involved in 2011. Check all that apply to your 2011 body of work.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

32. List the public entities or private organizations that have provided grants or funding opportunities for your preservation projects. You may also use this text box to provide more information about the items you checked above. Please skip this question if it does not apply to your CHC.

No Response

33. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Initiated projects to diversify interpretation of historic and cultural resources

Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)

34. List the events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with the boxes checked above. Details for selected activities can be provided in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

No Response

35. Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Indicate individuals and organizations with which you partner. Check all that apply to your 2011 body of work.

County officials

City officials

Local law enforcement

Nonprofit organizations (heritage society, visitor bureau, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Museum boards

Cemetery associations

Texas Heritage Trails Program

36. List the organizations with which your CHC has an effective partnership. A sample response for this request would be if Tom Green CHC noted that they regularly sponsored events with Fort Concho. Details of this partnership and particular events could be provided in the Project Description section at the end of the report.

We regularly partner with the public libraries to create displays, vintage photographs

37. Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

Our CHC has no role with museums

38. Provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.

No Response

39. When considering a CHC's overall workload, please choose one answer that best indicates the percentage of time your CHC spends on museum-related work.

0% of CHC time spent on museum related work

40. How did your CHC report 2011 activities to your county officials? Please check all that apply.

Presented summary of 2010 accomplishments to county commissioners court in 2011

Presented summary of 2011 accomplishments to county commissioners court in late 2011/early 2012

Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s

Attended county commissioners court regularly

Meetings with the county judge
 Meetings with county commissioners
 Submitted CHC meeting minutes
 Submitted a CHC budget
 Submitted CHC bylaws
 Provided suggested CHC appointments

41. If your CHC budget or services are reduced or cut, how will your CHC most likely respond? Please check all that apply.

Pay out of pocket to fund CHC activities as planned
 Look for funding other than what is provided by the county
 Have a discussion with county officials about our needs
 Have a discussion with county officials about how less money will result in providing fewer services
 Prepare documentation to show county officials the services, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations secured by your CHC

42. Please check the types of elected officials that you regularly invite to CHC events and activities.

County judge
 County commissioners
 Mayor/s of cities in your county
 State legislators

43. What elected officials attended one or more of your CHC events in 2011? Please list the names and the events.

County Judge--Most all marker dedication County Commissioners--marker dedications County Clerk--Marker dedications City officials marker dedications Representatives or their representative at marker dedications

44. Please check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2011 in support of Texas history and preservation.

Made telephone calls to state legislators
 Made telephone calls to federal legislators
 Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets
 Wrote letters/email to state legislators
 Had face-to-face discussions with state legislators

45. For 2011, in what areas did you make a concerted effort to improve CHC efforts relative to previous years? Check all that apply.

Bylaws
 Membership
 Preservation education for appointees
 Partnerships
 Community outreach
 Relationship with county commissioners court
 Initiated a new CHC project
 Website Face book

46. Briefly tell us why the above improvement effort/s were made, what actions were taken, and the results of those actions.

A strong effort was made in 2011 to simplify the by-laws, diversify our membership and partner with additional organizations. We launched a new website facebook page and twitter account, thus gaining access to the community at large.

47. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.

Initiated projects to diversify CHC membership
 Used the THC website information to educate appointees
 Used the CHC Handbook to educate appointees

48. If you met regionally with other CHCs in 2011, please indicate the counties that participated, topics or themes discussed, and how many times you have met as a group over the years to discuss CHC matters.

No Response

49. Please list the workshops that your CHC hosted in 2011, including information on the educational topic.

No Response

50. Enter the number of CHC appointees that attended the educational opportunity listed or attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.

THC Annual Historic Preservation Conference - 2

Texas Heritage Trails Program - 2

Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) - 1

Local/regional historical association educational opportunity - 2

51. Please list educational opportunities your CHC appointees attended OTHER than those already accounted for above.

No Response

52. Please let us know your thoughts about attending the Preservation Texas Summit in March of 2012. Check the one answer that best fits your thoughts on attending.

My CHC will not be able to attend the Summit

53. Please weigh the importance of the following THC services with the THC Conference and choose a ranking for each service listed.

	Much more important than conference	More important than conference	Equally important as conference	Less important than conference	Much less important than conference	I do not attend the THC Conference
Locally hosted THC workshops (markers, cemeteries, oral histories, etc.)	X					
THC website resources (handbooks, publications, general information, links, etc.)		X				
Access to listserves and preservation contacts databases	X					
Technical consultation with THC staff through telephone and email	X					
Appointments with THC staff in their Austin offices			X			
Publication of preservation success stories in Medallion and on Statewide Plan website				X		

Comments:

54. Information for your 1st project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.

On August 20, 2011, Atascosa County Historical Commission hosted a dedication to celebrate the 198th anniversary of the Battle of Medina. A ceremony was held at near site of the historical marker that included the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolutions, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Mayflower representatives and members of the Laredo Guard, and men dressed in period clothing, shooting their flynt rifles. A symposium was in Pleasanton following the dedication ceremony. The public was invited with very good attendance. Speakers were Al McGuire, TX-Dot archeologist, Richard Santos, and Norman Porter. The lost battle will be in 2013, hopefully the exact location may be found. Good discussion at the end.

55. Information for your 2nd project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.

On September 21, 2011, the ACHC hosted a quarterly conference of the Great Western Cattle Trail Association at the Longhorn Museum in Pleasanton. The Western Trail went through Pleasanton on its way to Kansas. Norman Porter spoke about the early cattle industry in early Atascosa County. A number of local citizens, as well as neighboring

counties were present. Those attending this session were invited to go to the Land Heritage Institute in southern Bexas County. The Great Western Trail Association is seeking members to place markers along this old cattle trail. Great program.

56. Information for your 3rd (and final) project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.

November 1, 2011, was an important day in Pleasanton, Atascosa County. It was the anniversary of the integration of the Pleasanton School District under a new law passed by the Texas Legislature. An official Texas Historical Marker was placed on the grounds of the high school. In collaboration with the school district and the Alumni Association the dedication ceremony took place in the new high school auditorium. The program, open to the public had many returning graduates in attendance. This marker was obtained through the THC Undertold Markers program. A slide show of photos of the integration day was presented. A showing of colors by the new JROTC and the program identifying some of the African-American students enrolled that first day. This was one of the neatest dedications that I have had a part in. A Great Learning Experience.

57. Please let us know more about your preservation successes and/or challenges.

Launched a website and facebook page to share county history and continuously display vintage photo and stories. The site has been great for advertising our upcoming events. We have some great plans for 2012.
