

**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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November 1, 2020

**Re: County Historical Commission (CHC) Appointments**

**Dear County Judges and Commissioners:**

CHC appointments are professional commitments to represent the county's interests related to historic and cultural heritage. During 2019, CHCs reported having contributed 444,800 hours of service to counties across Texas, which carries a monetary value of \$11 million using rates published on [independentsector.org](http://independentsector.org).

This extraordinary contribution is thanks to the dedicated and productive individuals who are appointed by county commissioners courts. **Now is the time to identify potential appointees** who will contribute consistently during the 2021–2022 term of service. Consider how your county can benefit from a CHC comprised of experienced and active appointees.

Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code directs county commissioners courts to make CHC appointments in January of odd-numbered years for a two-year term. To ensure a smooth transition between terms, **consider approving 2021–2022 appointments by December 31 with a start date of January 1, 2021.**

We encourage you to appoint and reappoint individuals who have the knowledge and skills to perform successfully, even though the current pandemic may require that appointees shift the focus of their service to some degree.

**The enclosed flyers provide supplemental information** on recommended appointee criteria and submitting appointee rosters to our agency as required by state statutes. This information will help you appoint individuals who can assist county officials in efforts to preserve historic resources, encourage heritage tourism, and revitalize communities.

Thank you in advance for sharing contact information for CHC appointees for the 2021–2022 term of service.



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Enclosed: CHC Organizational Flyers 1 & 2, 2019 CHC Annual Report Summary

