

August 4, 2026

Burnet County Historical Commission
Burnet, Texas 78611

Burnet County Commissioners
Attention: Judge Bryan Wilson
Burnet County Court House
220 South Pierce Street
Burnet, Texas 78611

Dear Judge Wilson,

I believe there is a misconception concerning the donation of \$6,000.00 (six thousand dollars) the Burnet County Historical Commission voted on at the June 7, 2026 meeting. A copy of the signed minutes is attached with a transfer of funds

This is a donation to the Herman Brown Free Library for updated equipment for "Preserving Burnet County History Through Digitization and Oral History." The equipment will be the property of the library and can be used for the Genealogy and Local History Center.

The Burnet County Historical Commission is very happy that we could contribute the money for the equipment that the library and the commission can utilize in our upcoming Volume III Family History Book and other projects.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Polly Krennek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Polly" and last name "Krennek" clearly distinguishable.

Polly Krennek, Burnet County Historical Commission, Chair
512-663-7941

Burnet County Historical Commission Minutes
June 2, 2026
Recorded by Florence Reeves

Those in attendance include:

Members:

Chairman-Polly Krenek, Vice Chair-Doak Field, Lela Goar, Julie Lewis, Nicole Westhoff, Carolyn Liles, Blair Manning, Bob Kent, Florence Reeves, Amanda Seim

Guest-Russell Tutor, prospective member

1. The regular meeting of the Burnet County Historical Commission was called to order at 1:11PM by President Polly Krenek.
2. Pledges to the American and Texas Flags led by Polly
3. a. No Commissioners present
b. Blair Manning reported that the Old Jail Museum is seeking a grant to improve outdoor signage. Other upcoming grant cycles could possibly fund an exhibit on local granite. Each grant cycle could possibly provide \$2,000 for cultural heritage.
4. Lela Goar moved to accept previous minutes (May 5) as written. Florence Reeves pointed out that previous minutes need a minor edit. No vote taken. Minutes will be presented for approval again at a later date.
5. Polly gave the financial report.
6. a. Lela gave an update on Stringtown . She had a call with Joe Plunkett who wanted to know when they could meet to do grave restoration, possibly the end of June or beginning of July. The project will need lots of help. The dead cedar tree in the cemetery needs to be removed. Florence suggested not pulling out the roots until the unmarked graves are identified to prevent pulling up more than roots. There was a discussion about who to contact for tree removal. The cemetery also needs to be resprayed and the gate is not yet installed. The cemetery also

needs weedeated before visitors start coming out.
Doak volunteered to do the weedeating over
the weekend.

- b. Included above
- c. Polly stressed the importance of identifying potential historical preservation and marker sites throughout the County. Nicole Westhoff asked if there was a list of documented historical sites, Blair shared that the County is contracting with StanTech, a company that will identify unused County owned property with historical significance. There was discussion on how to identify properties that are not County owned.

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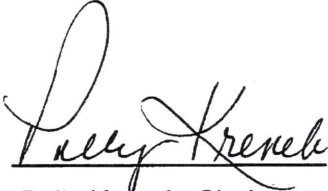
- a. The Historical Commission may meet in Marble Falls St. Frederick's for a future meeting. Reverend Perry is interested in the Commission/County acquiring more of the original Stringtown land to build a replica of the settlement for living history/educational purposes.
- b. The general consensus was the visit to Austin should wait until October when the weather is cooler. The trip will be to the Capital or the General Land Office.

8. a. Polly asked for volunteers to sell history books at the County Fair and said this would also be a good opportunity to promote History Book III. Discussion about Vol III ensued and Carolyn Liles expressed concern that the current form did not ask for more detailed information. There was discussion about updating the forms and the different ways it could be submitted.
- b. On behalf of the Herman Brown Free Library, Florence Reeves and Amanda Seim presented a request for funding in the amount of \$6,000 to purchase oral history and scanning equipment for the Burnet County Genealogy and Local History Center, housed at the Herman Brown Free Library. This equipment will be used to collect, digitize, and archive Burnet County history for Vol. III and beyond. A motion was made by Lela Goar to grant the request using Ina Cooper Donation; Carolyn Liles seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Florence Reeves and Amanda Seim abstaining from the vote. Florence gave an overview of what the library hoped to

accomplish with collecting historical data and called for volunteers from the BCHC to help achieve this purpose.

- c. New exhibits at the Falls on the Colorado Museum were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

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Polly Krenek, Chairman

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Terri Burger, Secretary