

State of Texas

County of Williamson

Know all men by these present:

That on the 19th day of May, 2026 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas with the following members present:

Steven Snell, County Judge
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct Four

Resolution

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Sun* published its first edition on May 19, 1877, in Georgetown, Texas, under the leadership of founder Jessie E. Cooper, and has served the residents of Williamson County for 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Sun* is the oldest newspaper in Williamson County and stands among the county's oldest continuously operating businesses; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the *Williamson County Sun* has documented the history, growth, and development of Williamson County, preserving the stories of its people, communities, institutions, and public life; and

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, the newspaper has promoted civic engagement and community improvement, including support for projects such as the first railroad in Georgetown and initiatives benefiting local residents; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Sun* has provided consistent reporting on local government, education, business, public safety, and community events, helping ensure transparency, accountability, and an informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of the *Williamson County Sun* includes notable journalists such as Clara Scarbrough, a longtime editor, columnist, and Texas historian whose work preserved the heritage of Williamson County and the State of Texas through her widely read "Pioneer History" column and her contributions to Texas historical scholarship; and

WHEREAS, through her decades of service, Clara Scarbrough exemplified the role of local journalism in documenting community history and strengthening civic identity; and

WHEREAS, the *Williamson County Sun* continues its tradition of local stewardship under the leadership of the Scarbrough and Thurmond families, carrying forward a legacy of community journalism deeply rooted in Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the 150th anniversary of the *Williamson County Sun* represents an extraordinary milestone in Texas journalism and reflects the enduring importance of local news organizations to the strength and vitality of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates the *Williamson County Sun* on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and expresses sincere appreciation for its many years of dedicated service to the people of Williamson County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Williamson County honors the *Williamson County Sun* for preserving the history of our county, strengthening civic life, and serving as a trusted source of local news for generations of residents.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2026.

Steve Snell, County Judge