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NAVARRO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC COMMENTS PARTICIPATION FORM

PRINT NAME AND SUBJECT

Date 7-27-26

NAME	SUBJECT
1. <u>Rosellan Richards</u>	<u>Petition</u> <u>Road - Intersection</u>
2. <u>Danny Combs</u>	<u>Historical Commission</u>
3. <u>M. J. McReynolds</u>	<u>Historical Comm</u>
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Navarro County Historical Commission
Summary of 2025 Projects and Accomplishments
Distinguished Service Award Presentation
July 27, 2026

Dr. MaryJane McReynolds - Chair, Faith Boyd - Vice Chair
Stephen Farris - Secretary, Sheryl Hicks - Treasurer

Margaret Thomas, Gary Connor, Kit Herrington, Bruce McManus, Danny Combs, Larry Taylor

The Navarro County Historical Commission was awarded a 2025 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in acknowledgement of efforts and accomplishments that demonstrate our well-rounded history and preservation programs that enrich our County. These include:

- **Partnerships and Collaborations** – continued to expand and strengthen our partnerships and collaborations with a variety of organizations passionate about history. We held meetings throughout the county to engage communities. We collaborated with organizations, such as the Pelham Community History Museum, Park High Alumni Assoc., Derrick Days, Pioneer Village/City of Corsicana, Daughters of American Revolution, Frost Heritage Museum and Blooming Grove Heritage Society, Navarro Co. Genealogical Society, Navarro Co. Historical Society.
- **Park High School/Navarro County Training School, Goodlow**-a public-private (Rosenwald) funded school for African American children in the South. Three Rosenwald Schools were built in Navarro Co., 1923-1926. The school at Goodlow, built in 1925, is the only school with an existing original building. Historical Marker awarded to honor this historic site, and we are working with Goodlow community to preserve the structure.
- **Ongoing Education** – attended Real Places Conference, state conference on historic preservation; attended state and regional webinars to gain knowledge about preservation strategies, met preservation experts, and networked with other County Historical Commissions.
- **Cemetery Preservation** - met with cemetery associations or individual caretakers of these sacred sites, monitored the physical condition, and assisted with applications for Historic Texas Cemetery designation and Historical Markers.
Jimmerson Cemetery – south of Kerens
Princeton Cemetery-south of Kerens
Goodlow Cemetery
Good Hope Cemetery-Powell
White Cemetery – Pisgah Ridge
White Church Cemetery-Blooming Grove
Antioch Cemetery – northwest of Dawson
- **Historical Markers** - applications researched and submitted:
Rose Hill Cemetery, Zion's Rest Cemetery, and Curry Cemetery. Applications are under State review.
Marker Dedication – The White Church Cemetery, Blooming Grove, dedicated a Historical Marker in October 2025.

Outcomes: The varied projects, activities and accomplishments demonstrate our ability to consistently preserve and protect our county's historic resources.