

**TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
AND
TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Titus County, Texas**

May 23, 2013

The Honorable Members of the Commissioners Court--
County Judge Brian Lee, Commissioners Hockaday, Hinton, Riddle, and Fields
Titus County, Texas

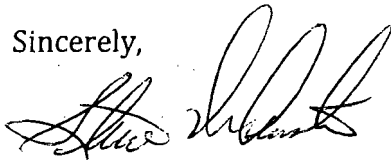
Dear Honorable Members:

Attached is A Proposal requesting that the Titus County Commissioners Court reconsider the acquisition of the "Old Post Office/Library" building located at 213 North Madison, Mt. Pleasant.

In order to preserve one of the few remaining historical buildings in Titus County and to make the building available for education and tourism, we recommend that the Court work with the City of Mt. Pleasant to obtain this building.

As time is of the essence, please consider this proposal.

Sincerely,



Steve Austin, Chair
Titus County Historical Commission



Ginger Shaffer, Chair
Titus County Historical Preservation Society

Attachment—A Proposal

A Proposal

Proposal Summary

The Titus County Historical Commission (TCHC) and the Titus County Historical Preservation Society (TCHPS) request that the Titus County Commissioners Court reconsider the acquisition of the "Old Post Office/Library" building located at 213 North Madison, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. The building shall be used for the TCHC, the County Veteran Service Officer, the TCHPS, and others.

The desired result would be that the City of Mt. Pleasant/Council and Titus County Commissioners Court could arrive at a mutually satisfactory agreement for the perpetuation of the building as a working office, a center of historical preservation, and venue for learning and community interaction.

Goals

The goals for this historical building and site are:

- preserving one of the few remaining historical buildings in Titus County;
- maintaining the downtown business traffic and interests;
- educating of children and adults about the history of Titus County and Texas; and,
- promoting tourism within the county.

Target Population

The "Old Post Office/Library" shall be used for educational purposes for all residents of Titus County. The building shall be made available for all schools for learning purposes, for community meetings, and for tours. The TCHS and the TCHPS shall involve community groups throughout the county to support the historical efforts.

Budget and Future Funding

If an agreement could be reached between the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Commissioners Court to transfer the property to the county, then operating expenses would be minimal. Fees could be charged for meeting rentals, special events, and tours. Grant money shall be explored and pursued.

Move to Action

Due to urgency of the acquisition of this important historical building, we are recommending that the Commissioners Court move swiftly to acquire this building. The cities of Mt. Vernon, Sulphur Springs, Gladewater, Talco, Jefferson, Pittsburg, and others have moved to the forefront in their preservation efforts.

Let's not be left behind.

TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Ginger Shaffer

ADDRESS: 86 CR 2938N Pittsburg, TX

Do you represent any particular group or organization? ^{Yes} Titus County Historical Preservation Society

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name of such group or organization?
Titus County Historical Preservation Society

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? 12

Do you wish to make an inquiry under Section 551.042 of the Open Meetings Act?
No

Signature: Ginger Shaffer Date: 5-28-13

Note: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time that the agenda item (or items) you wish to address are discussed before the Court.

Dianne Norris

From: ronald craig <rgcraig33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 2:24 PM
To: dnorris@co.titus.tx.us
Subject: issue of acquiring the old post office bldg for historical purposes

Dear Mrs. Norris:

I had planned on attending the meeting tonight to show my support of the county purchasing the old post office for historical purposes. Something has come up and I will not be able to attend unfortunately. I, Ronald Craig, was raised in Mt. Pleasant and graduated from MPHS in 1965. My parents were Bill and Katie Craig and I have two brothers Rick Craig and Rusty Craig. I have been extremely disappointed in the city administrators lack of concern for historical buildings and establishments in MP in the past and when I heard they were considering getting rid of the old Post Office and that the Historical Society was wanting to use the building for veteran as well as historical purposes I could not help but be compelled to do whatever I could to show my support for this cause. There are very few things left (buildings, etc) in MP that remind those of us who grew up there of a lot of fond memories. I would truly appreciate it if you could possibly forward this to each of the commissioners for their knowledge and consideration. I live in Longview and have since 1977 but my home is Mt. Pleasant Texas. Your help considering this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Ronald Craig, class of 1965