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TITUS COUNTY JUDGE

March 24, 2016

The Honorable Brian Lee, County Judge
Titus County
100 W. First Street, Suite 200
Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455

RE: Titus County Commissioners' Court Correspondence dated March 9, 2016

Dear Judge Lee:

Thank you for contacting the Texas Historical Commission concerning Titus County's proposal to Clean the exterior of the Titus County Courthouse. After reviewing the correspondence referenced above (attached), the Texas Historical Commission finds no reason to prevent or delay Titus County from cleaning the courthouse using the methods described.

Please exercise caution so that the water pressure used to clean the building is not too high. Ask that water pressure levels remain as low as possible to accomplish the cleaning so that cleaning water and the mild cleaning solution are not forced very deep into the exterior finish. It is best to work from top to bottom flooding the surface area of the building to be cleaned with water immediately before applying the mild cleaning solution, and to be quick to remove the cleaning solution within ten or fifteen minutes with a brush and low pressure wash. The cleaning solutions are biodegradable – which means that the cleaning solution itself usually provides food for biological organisms such as algae and mold to feed on. If the cleaning solution is left on the building too long or allowed to soak too far into the finish material before being removed it is quite likely that algae or mold will spring back to life on the walls within a few years of the cleaning.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and provide comments on this proposal. I appreciate your efforts to protect the Titus County Courthouse. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance or if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Steve Austin, Titus County Historical Commission
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Titus County Courthouse



Brian P. Lee
County Judge

March 9, 2016

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To: Texas Historical Commission

From: Titus County Commissioners' Court

Dear Sir or Madame,

The Commissioners' Court would like to notify the Commission of our intention to clean the exterior of our Courthouse. We have some minor mold issues as well as simple dust and dirt that needs to be cleaned. We anticipate using mild cleaning solution and water along with possible power wash application. We will not be making any modifications, alterations or applying any new exterior material or paint.

Please advise if we need to provide any further information.

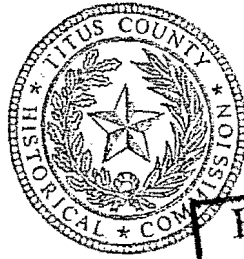
Sincerely,

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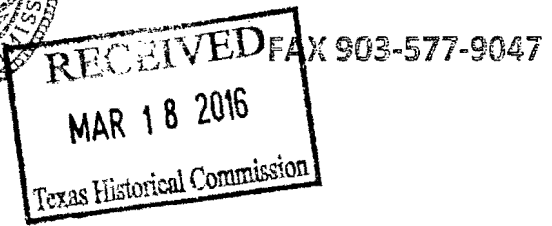
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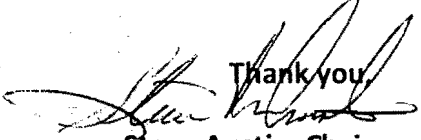
Ref: Texas Administrative Code

Title 13; Part 2, Chapter 17, Rule 17.2

Cultural Resources Texas Historical Commission State Architectural Programs
Review of work on County Courthouses

Texas Government Code, Chapter 442, 442.008, requires that the Texas Historical Commission review changes made to courthouse structures.

Please refer to the notice from the Honorable, Brian P. Lee, Judge of Titus County.


Thank you
Steve Austin; Chair

Titus County Historical Commission