

City of Hempstead
Commerce and Civic Association Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 17th, 2026

Call to Order:

The HCCA March monthly meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by President Cheryl Hardwick.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Board Member James Garfield and Treasurer Raul Villarreal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of HCCA Board Members:

HCCA Board Members present were President Cheryl Hardwick, Vice President Melissa Hegemeyer, Secretary Katherine Ward, Treasurer Raul Villarreal and Board Members James Garfield and Vicki LeBlanc. Board Members Kenneth Pilcher and Brian Trafton were absent.

Welcome Members and Visitors:

President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed the HCCA members and visitors to the meeting.

Sign In Sheet for Attendance and Door Prizes:

President Cheryl Hardwick asked everyone to please sign in on the attendance sheet so we would have a record of their visit and to be sure and sign up for the door prizes.

Approval of the February 2026 Monthly HCCA Monthly Minutes:

Board Member Vicki LeBlanc made a motion to approve the February 2026 monthly minutes as they were submitted, and Secretary Katherine Ward made a second motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Approval of the March 2026 HCCA Treasurers Reports:

Board Member James Garfield made a motion to approve the March 2026 Monthly HCCA Treasurers Report and Secretary Katherine Ward made a second motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Recognize and Honor the Hempstead FFA Students that won Grand Champion and Reserve Champion at the Hempstead FFA AG Show:

The HCCA Board recognized and honored the Hempstead FFA students that won Grand Champion and Reserve at the Hempstead FFA Ag Show. President Cheryl Hardwick gave each name for each category, and a gift basket was given to each FFA student present, and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Market Steer

Grand Champion Steer was shown and won by Kendall Jeffery
Reserve Champion Steer was shown and won by Brayden Dilorio

- Heifer

Grand Champion Heifer was shown and won by Kendall Jeffery
Reserve Champion Heifer was shown and won by Brayden Di Iorio

- Market Swine

Grand Champion Swine was shown and won by Garvin Wallace
Reserve Champion Swine was shown and won by Hayden Payne

- Market Goats

Grand Champion Goat was shown and won by Brianne Padilla
Reserve Champion Goat was shown and won by Westin Cox

- Market Lambs

Grand Champion Lamb was shown won by Brianna Padilla
Reserve Champion Lamb was shown and won by Edi Wood

- Broilers

Grand Champion Broilers were shown and won by Sophia Harvey
Reserve Champion Broilers were shown and won by Edi Wood

- Market Rabbits

Grand Champion Rabbits were shown and won by Karlea Cruz
Reserve Champion Rabbits were shown and won by Eden Bazan III

Recognize Tim Chipman with the House of Help:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Tim Chipman with the House of Help. Mr. Chipman talked about the services that are given to the community by the House of Help and he talked about the number of people each week that are given food and other services that are needed. The House of Help is in much need of cereal for their groceries give away. The HCCA Board gave both Tim and Sid Chipman a gift basket and thanked them for their service to the community and a picture was taken with the board.

Recognize Haley Hill with the Brazos Valley 4-H Club on their Egg My Yard Fundraiser:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Haley Hill President of the Brazos Valley 4-H Club. Haley talked about their upcoming "Egg My Yard Fundraiser" and their upcoming bingo dates. All proceeds go to the Brazos Valley 4-H Club. For 30 eggs the cost is \$30.00, for 50 eggs the cost is

\$50.00, for 70 eggs the cost is \$75.00, and for 100 eggs the cost is \$90.00. Deadline to order the eggs will be April 4th, 2026. The bingo nights will be April 10th, June 12th, and October 23rd, 2026. Bingo is held at the Field Store Community Center at 26098 VM 362, Waller, Texas and the bingo games start at 6:30 P.M. It is \$25.00 for 10 games. Money raised from the bingo games is to support their community service projects and scholarships. Haley was given a basket, and a picture was taken with the board.

Recognize Tanya Simons with the VFW Hall for their upcoming Veterans Meet & Greet:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Tanya Simons with the VFW. Ms. Simons talked about their upcoming Veterans Meet & Greet to be held on Friday, March 20th, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the VFW James F. Dillon Post 7104 Annex located at 1260 New Orleans Street in Hempstead. She talked about working to bring the VFW Annex back to life as a place where veterans can gather for camaraderie, support, and community. She invited fellow veterans and their families to reconnect with others who served, and to help rebuild a local place for veterans in Hempstead. Ms. Simons was given a gift basket, and a picture was taken with the board.

Recognize Missy Owles with her new business “The Pearl and Sparrow Boutique.”:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Missy Owles owner of “The Pearl and Sparrow Boutique.” Mrs. Owles talked about her upcoming Spring Sip & Shop to be held on Thursday, March 26th, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at her location at 1116 Austin Street in Hempstead. She will have Sister Stands Permanent Jewelry and you can shop the latest Spring styles and refreshments will be service. She was given a gift basket, and a picture was taken with the board.

Recognize Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier and Residential Services:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier and Residential Services. Mr. Alvarez talked about their services that are available and he services Brenham, Hempstead, and surrounding areas. His company now is a Tamko Pro Platinum Contractor. He was given a gift basket, and a picture was taken with the board.

Recognize Jason Stiltner with Red Robin Fencing and Blue Jay Dumpster:

Jason Stiltner was unable to make the meeting, and this item will be tabled for another upcoming HCCA monthly meeting.

Presentation of a donation of \$500.00 to the America Legion:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Sharon Thibadeaux with the Hempstead America Legion Post 459 and a donation of \$500.00 was donated to the American Legion from HCCA. A gift basket was given to her, and a picture was taken with the board along with other Veterans that were present.

Recognize Nancy Stoorza with the Waller County Master Gardners for their upcoming event:

Nancy Stoorza with the Waller County Master Gardners was absent from the meeting so President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the “Growing Strong Texas Trees” to learn to plant and care for your new trees. The event is free and open to the public and will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Waller County Extension office located at 846 6th Street in Hempstead.

Recognize Sharon Gillum and Tiffany Gillum with “Legacy Catering.”:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Sharon Gillum and Tiffany Gillum with “Legacy Catering.” They talked about their catering business and how they got started by just cooking for family and other events and decided to go into business together with “Legacy Catering.” They brought and fed all the HCCA Board, members, and visitors attending the meeting. The food display was beautiful and the food was awesome. They were both given gift baskets, and a picture was taken with the board.

Upcoming HCCA Events for 2026:

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming HCCA events that have been planned.

*Easter in the Park is Saturday, March 28th, 2026, and will be at the Gazebo Park.

*Hempstead Watermelon Festival 2026 Royalty sign up is coming.

*Memorial Day Parade and Program is Monday, May 25th, 2026.

*Watermelon Festival is on Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th, 2026.

HCCA Membership - \$100.00 for businesses, \$50.00 for non-profit organizations, and \$25.00 for an individual:

President Cheryl Hardwick encouraged everyone to become a member of the HCCA.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced visitors attending the meeting that were running for County officials positions in the upcoming run-off election to be held in May and let each one talk about their self. Candice Adams was present and is running for Justice of the Peace for Pct 1 and Bennett Dodson is running for Waller County Law No. 1. Sharon Thibodeaux was also present at the meeting, and she is sunning for Hempstead ISD School Board in Position Number 4. Each candidate was given a gift basket, and a picture was taken with the board.

Board Member James Garfield talked about the Hempstead Church of Christ’s upcoming Praise in the Park to be held on Sunday, March 29th, 2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. with free hot dogs and drinks and invited the public to attend.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

Upcoming Events:

- Hempstead American Legion Post 459 located at 31667 FM 1736 in Hempstead and next to the fire station. Meetings are held each month on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M.
- Knights of Columbus Famous Friday Fish Fry. The fish fry’s will begin on Friday, February 20th to Friday, March 27th, 2026, beginning at 5:00 P.M. at the KC Hall located at 22892 Mack Washington Lane in Hempstead.
- Veterans Meet & Greet on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the VFW James F Dillon Post 7104 Annex – Hempstead Post 4007 at 1260 New Orleans Street in Hempstead, Texas.
- Waller County Sports Association 21st Annual Auction, Dinner, and Concert on Saturday, March 21st, 2026, at the Waller County Fairgrounds at 5:00 P.M.
- The Pearl and Sparrow Boutique “Spring Sip & Shop” on Thursday, March 26th, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. located at 1116 Austin Street in Hempstead with Sister Strands permanent jewelry and shop the latest Spring styles with refreshments and fellowship.
- Warms Boots & Bling ’26 on Thursday, March 26th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds at 21988 FM 359 in Hempstead with music, entertainment, dinner, live and silent auction, and a gun drawing.
- HCCA Easter in the Park on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the d, June 12owntown Gazebo Park. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes, arts and crafts, face painting and balloons, pictures with the Easter Bunny and free food and drinks.
- Brazos Valley 4-H Club “Egg My Yard Fundraiser” you can book your spot to have your eggs put in your yard. You need to order by Tuesday, March 31st, 2026.
- Waller County Master Gardeners – “Growing Strong Texas Trees” on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Waller County Extension Office at 846 6th Street in Hempstead, Texas.
- Texas Association of First Responders 17th Annual Wild Game Cook-Off and Rodeo on Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Waller County Fairgrounds.
- Waller County Mudbug Crawfish Boil on Friday, April 24th, 2026, beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead. Waller County Demolition Derby on Saturday, April 25th, 2025, at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead. There will also be a Kids Demo Derby with power wheels vehicles.
- Waller County 4-H 74th Annual BBQ & Fundraiser on Saturday, May 16th, 2026, at 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 22892 Mack Washington Lane in Hempstead.

- HCCA Memorial Day Parade and Program to be held on Monday, May 25th, 2026, in downtown Hempstead at the Gazebo. The parade begins at 9:00 A.M. and the program will begin after the parade.

Door Prizes:

Door prizes were drawn and the winners were Sidney Chipman, Tassidy Contreras, Bennett Dodson, Mischa Martinez, Haydin Payne, Tanya Simons, and Sharon Thibodeau.

Congratulations to the winners and a picture was taken with the board. Thanks to Melissa Hegemeyer with Hegemeyer Realty and Associates and Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC. for the donations of the door prizes. After the door prizes food was served by Sharon Gillum and Tiffany Gillum with “Legacy Catering” for the food. The board thanked them for their awesome food.

Adjourn:

Secretary Katherine Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Board Member James Garfield seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward _____

Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick _____

