

NOTICE OF A MEETING

Brenham - Washington County Hotel Occupancy Tax Board



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 2A 2nd Floor, City Hall 200 W. Vulcan, Brenham, Texas

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Citizen/Visitor Comments
- 3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Election of a Board Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2019
- 4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the October 3, 2018 Special Meeting
- 5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the FY2018-19 First Quarter Financial Report by the City of Brenham
- 6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the 2018 Fourth Quarter Financial Report by Washington County
- 7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2018-19 HOT Grant Funding for Independence Historical Society
- 8. Presentation of the 1st Quarter Tourism Report and Update from Visit Brenham

Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the January 30, 2019 agenda of items to be considered by the Hotel Occupancy Tax Board was posted to the City Hall bulletin board at 200 W. Vulcan, Brenham, Texas on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 1:45 P. M.

Kacey A. Weiss, TRMC

Deputy City Secretary I

Executive Sessions: The Hotel Occupancy Tax Board reserves the right to convene into executive session at any
time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by Texas Government Code,
Chapter 551, including but not limited to §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney, §551.072 - Real Property,
§551.073 - Prospective Gifts, §551.074 - Personnel Matters, §551.076 - Security Devices, §551.086 - Utility
Competitive Matters, and §551.087 – Economic Development Negotiations.

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I certify that this notice and agenda of items to me from the City Hall bulletin board on	•	Hotel Occupancy at	Tax Board w Am/ Pm.	as removed by
Signature	_	Title		



To: HOT Board Members

From: Jeana Bellinger

Subject: Election of Officers

Date: January 18, 2019

In accordance with the organizational documents for the Brenham-Washington County HOT Board the members must elect, annually, a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as presiding officers.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board, or by the City Council and the Commissioners Court.

In the event there is a vacancy in the Chairperson position, or the Chairperson is otherwise unable to act, the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of Chairperson until such time as a Chairperson is elected by the members of the Board.



Brenham - Washington County Hotel Occupancy Tax Board



A special meeting of the <u>Hotel Occupancy Tax Board</u> was held on <u>Wednesday, October 3, 2018,</u> beginning at <u>2:00 p.m.</u> in the <u>Washington County Annex Building, 100 S. Park Street, Brenham, Texas.</u>

Board Members Present: Keith Hankins, Sharon Brass, Al Patel, James Chisholm, Susan Cantey, Senecca McAdams, Stacey Walters and Melinda Faubion.

Board Members Absent: Byron Davis

City Staff Present: Carolyn Miller, Jeana Bellinger and Jennifer Eckermann

Others Present: Joshua Blaschke, Cyndee Smith, Ginger Moreland, Joel Romo, Ash Patel, Jill Bearden, D. Meschwitz, Larissa Dieterich, Leslie Wood and John Wick.

1. Chairman Keith Hankins called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hankins welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that there would be a total of \$613,000 available for funding this year broken down as follows:

City of Brenham HOT Revenues	\$ 493,000
Washington County HOT revenues	120,000
Total to be Allocated by HOT Board	\$ 613,000

2. Presentation, Discussion and Review of Each Request for FY2018-19 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding

TEXAS HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Senecca McAdams and seconded by Susan Cantey to fund the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association in the amount of \$10,110 for membership dues for all lodging properties in Washington County and the City of Brenham.

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Yes
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

CITY OF BRENHAM

Promotions, Advertising, Social Media & Website

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by Sharon Brass to fund \$199,085 to the City of Brenham for the promotion of Brenham and Washington County as a tourist destination.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Yes
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Abstain
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Staffing

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by James Chisholm to fund \$293,915 to the City of Brenham for the tourism and destination organization staffing (Visitor's Center).

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Yes
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

Assistant City Manager Carolyn Miller advised the Board that the City of Brenham will pick up the cost of billboards so that the HOT funds allocated to them can be distribute

BRENHAM HOTEL ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by Melinda Faubion to fund \$10,000 to the Brenham Hotel Association for billboard advertising.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Yes
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

CHAPPELL HILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Craft Beer & Artisan Invitational

A motion was made by Melinda Faubion and seconded by Susan Cantey to fund \$10,000 to the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce for their Craft Beer & Artisan Invitational.

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Abstain
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

Advertisement, Website Updates and Billboards

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by Stacey Walters to fund \$8,000 to the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce for advertisement, website updates and billboards.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Abstain
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	No
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	No
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

July 4th Parade & Car Show

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by Al Patel to fund \$2,500 to the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce for their July 4th Parade & Car Show.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Abstain
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	No
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

CHAPPELL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A motion was made by James Chisholm and seconded by Susan Cantey to fund \$10,000 to each of the following events:

- Cultural Series
- Scarecrow Festival
- Bluebonnet Festival

A request for wayfinding signage was withdrawn.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass Yes Susan Cantey Yes James Chisolm Yes **Byron Davis** Absent Melinda Faubion Yes **Keith Hankins** Yes Senecca McAdams Yes Al Patel Yes Stacey Walters Yes

THE INN AT DOS BRISAS

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by Sharon Brass to not fund The Inn at Dos Brisas.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass Yes Susan Cantey Yes James Chisolm Yes **Byron Davis** Absent Melinda Faubion Yes **Keith Hankins** Yes Senecca McAdams Yes Al Patel Yes **Stacey Walters** Yes

HERITAGE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by Sharon Brass to fund \$7,500 to the Heritage Society of Washington County for their renovation of the historical Giddings Wilkins House.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass	Yes
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Yes
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

INDEPENDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A motion was made by Senecca McAdams and seconded by Al Patel to fund \$8,000 to the Independence Historical Society for the Visitor's Center.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass	Abstain
Susan Cantey	Yes
James Chisolm	Yes
Byron Davis	Absent
Melinda Faubion	Yes
Keith Hankins	Yes
Senecca McAdams	Yes
Al Patel	Yes
Stacey Walters	Yes

UNITY THEATRE

A motion was made by Melinda Faubion and seconded by Sharon Brass to fund \$15,500 to the Unity Theatre for adverstising.

Sharon Brass Yes Susan Cantey Yes James Chisolm Yes **Byron Davis** Absent Melinda Faubion Yes Keith Hankins Yes Senecca McAdams Yes Al Patel Yes **Stacey Walters** Yes

WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS

A motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by James Chisholm to fund \$23,000 to Washington-on-the-Brazos for advertising and marketing of the park.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass Yes Susan Cantey Yes James Chisolm Yes **Byron Davis Absent** Melinda Faubion Yes **Keith Hankins** Yes Senecca McAdams **Abstain** Al Patel Yes **Stacey Walters** Yes

Chairman Hankins advised the Board that they would need to revisit all of the funding recommendations made and recommend revisions to get within the allocated funding amount of \$613,000.

Assistant City Manager Carolyn Miller advised the Board that the City of Brenham will pick up the cost of the billboard for the Brenham Hotel Association so that those funds could be allocated to other entities.

After further discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Susan Cantey and seconded by James Chisholm to increase funding by thirteen percent (13%) for the following events:

- Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce, July 4th Parade: Increase recommended funding amount from \$2,500 to \$2,840.
- Chappell Hill Historical Society, Cultural Series: Increase recommended funding amount from \$10,000 to \$11,350.
- Chappell Hill Historical Society, Scarecrow Festival: Increase recommended funding amount from \$10,000 to \$11,350.
- Chappell Hill Historical Society, Bluebonnet Festival: Increase recommended funding amount from \$10,000 to \$11,350.
- Heritage Society of Washington County, Restoration of Giddings Wilkins House: Increase recommended funding amount from \$7,500 to \$8,500.

Chairman Hankins called for the vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Sharon Brass Yes Susan Cantey Yes James Chisolm Yes **Byron Davis** Absent Melinda Faubion Yes Keith Hankins Yes Senecca McAdams Yes Al Patel Yes **Stacey Walters** Yes

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A final overview of the funding amounts for fiscal year 2018-19 are as follows:

Brenham Hotel Association		\$ *>
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce (C	Craft Beer)	\$ 10,000
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce (A	Advertising)	\$ 8,000
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce (J	July 4 th Parade)	\$ 2,840
Chappell Hill Historical Society (Cultura	al Series)	\$ 11,350
Chappell Hill Historical Society (Scarecr	row Festival)	\$ 11,350
Chappell Hill Historical Society (Bluebo	nnet Festival)	\$ 11,350
Chappell Hill Historical Society (Wayfin	nding Signage)	\$(
City of Brenham (Promotions, Advertising	g, Social Media & Website)	\$199,085
City of Brenham (DMO Staffing)		\$ 283,915
The Inn At Dos Brisas		\$(
Heritage Society of Washington County		\$ 8,500
Independence Historical Society (CVB P	Personnel)	\$ 8,000
Independence Historical Society (Restora	ation)	\$(
Unity Theater (Advertising)		\$ 15,500
Washington on the Brazos		\$ 23,000
Texas Hotel Lodging Association		\$ 10,110
** The billboard requested by the Brenham H	Hotel Association are being paid by the	e City of Brenham
The meeting was adjourned.	Keith Hankins Chairman	
Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC City Secretary HOT Board Staff Liaison		
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MEMORANDUM

To: Hotel Occupancy Tax Board

From: Carolyn D. Miller, Assistant City Manager-Chief Financial Officer

Subject: First Quarter FY18-19 Financial Report

Date: January 25, 2019

Attached are the first quarter FY18-19 financial reports for the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. For each report, significant activity or trends are discussed below.

HOT Receipts by Month

This report shows the receipts by property for each month. Due to the timing of this meeting and the January 31st due date for December collections, not all of the payments have been received from collecting properties for the first quarter. However, even though we are missing several payments (highlighted in yellow), quarter-to-date collections of \$149,119 already exceed the FY18 quarter-to-date collections of \$145,976. The column to the far right shows percentage increases and decreases for each property comparing collections for the current and prior fiscal years. As of the date of this memo (with payments still to be received from 10 properties), we have experienced a cumulative increase of \$3,143 from FY18, and compared to FY17, collections are up \$19,401.

Line Chart of HOT Tax by Month

For the first quarter, FY19 actual collections exceeded FY18 actuals in October and November and December actuals should also exceed the prior year once all payments have been received. As of the date of this memo, for the first quarter, HOT tax revenue is exceeding our quarter-to-date cumulative budget by \$11,195.

Activity for Organizations

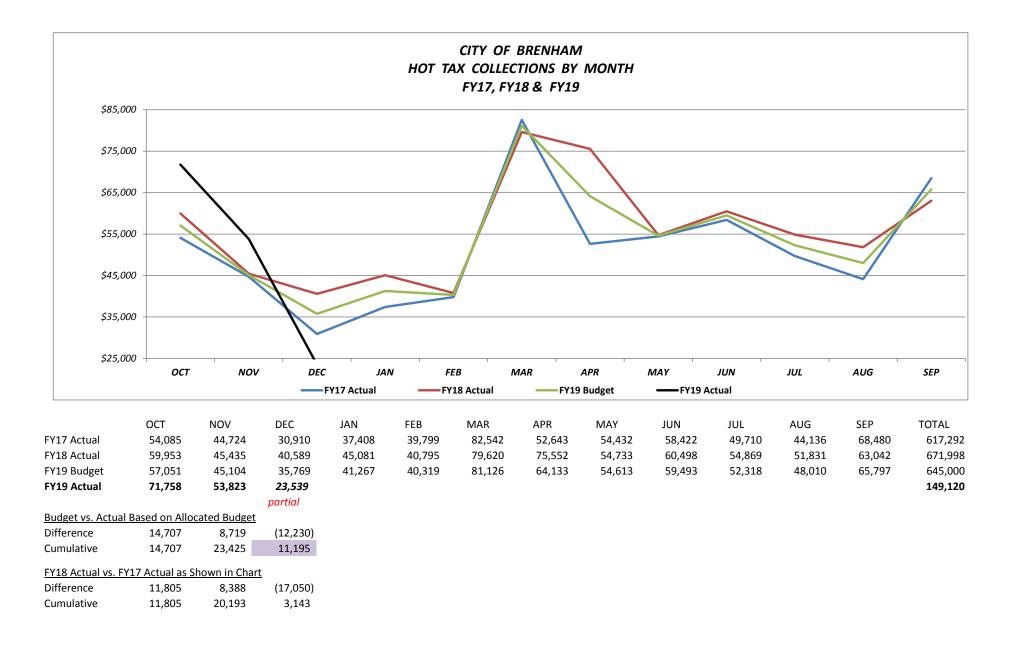
This report shows the organizations that were allocated HOT funds in FY19. The amount funded is shown along with the year to date disbursements. We have processed \$175,160 in HOT Fund requests for the period ending December 31, 2018.

Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 979-337-7566.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RECEIPTS BY MONTH FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/19 As of December 31, 2018

ACTUAL

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Y-T-D FY 19 12/31/2018	C-D FY 18 /30/2017	PERCENT INCR/DECR
AMANDA'S PLACE	29	14		43	\$ -	n/a
AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN	1,933	1,086		3,019	\$ 2,751	9.76%
ANT STREET INN	3,531	2,367		5,898	\$ 7,402	-20.32%
BAYLOR HOUSE	76	115	40	231	\$ -	n/a
BAYMONT INN & SUITES (formerly La Quinta)	3,444	2,753		6,196	\$ -	n/a
BEST WESTERN	8,768	7,266		16,033	\$ 18,900	-15.17%
BRENHAM CRAFTSMAN CHARMER	55	-	-	55	\$ -	n/a
THE BRENHAM HOUSE	687	538	206	1,430	\$ 1,227	16.58%
COACH LIGHT INN	2,126	1,385	989	4,500	\$ 4,929	-8.71%
COMFORT SUITES	8,059	6,307		14,366	\$ 18,140	-20.81%
DIXIE MOTEL	41	-	-	41	\$ 72	-43.11%
FAR VIEW B&B	1,003	570		1,573	\$ 1,663	-5.45%
FLEUR DE LIS	11	-	-	11	\$ 67	-84.38%
HAMPTON INN	12,566	10,512	8,403	31,482	\$ 28,091	12.07%
HISTORIC HOLLE HOUSE	417	394		812	\$ 305	166.20%
PALACE INN (formerly Holiday Inn)		RE-BRANDED		-	\$ 6,173	n/a
HOLIDAY INN	12,404	10,476	9,207	32,088	\$ 25,063	28.03%
JENN'S BUNGALOW	145	82	45	272	\$ 468	-41.88%
KNIGHT'S INN	4,415	2,546	1,434	8,395	\$ 6,514	28.86%
LAQUINTA INN		RE-BRANDED		-	\$ 13,973	n/a
MAIN STREET HOUSE	815	510		1,325	\$ 867	52.87%
MOTEL 6 (formerly Palace Inn)	3,815	2,000	2,602	8,417	\$ -	n/a
OLD REX BED AND BATH	84	105	-	189	\$ -	n/a
REGENCY INN	906	342	370	1,617	\$ 1,508	7.22%
SUPER 8	6,006	4,248		10,253	\$ 7,640	34.19%
SYCAMORE COTT	-	-	-	-	\$ -	n/a
ST. CHARLES PLACE	-	-	65	65	\$ -	n/a
VAL VERDE HOUSE	167	186	144	497	\$ -	n/a
VINTAGE SOUTHERN COMFORT	-	-	-	-	\$ -	n/a
505 ALMA ST.	66	21	34	122	\$ -	n/a
807 WEST MAIN STREET	100	-	-	100	\$ 37	174.30%
OTHER	91	-	-	91	\$ 186	-51.22%
TOTAL FY2018	\$ 71,758	\$ 53,823	\$ 23,539	149,119	\$ 145,976	2.15%
FY2018 By Month	\$ 59,952	\$ 45,435	\$ 40,589			
DIFF (FY19 vs. FY18)	\$ 11,806	\$ 8,387	\$ (17,050)	Cumm diff	\$ 3,143	
FY2017 By Month	\$ 54,084	\$ 44,724	\$ 30,910			
DIFF (FY19 vs. FY17)	\$ 17,674	\$ 9,098	\$ (7,371)	Cumm diff	\$ 19,401	



CITY OF BRENHAM AND WASHINGTON COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED WITH HOTEL MOTEL TAXES ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

		FY2018-19	
	AMOUNT	YTD	BALANCE
ORGANIZATION	FUNDED	REQUESTED	
City of Broad and Broading Moderation Constitution Staffing	100.005	40.771	140 214
City of Brenham-Destination Marketing Organization Staffing	199,085	49,771	149,314
City of Brenham-Promotion/Advertisement/Social Media/Website	283,915	70,979	212,936
City of Brenham-Simon/Barnhill Center	77,200	19,300	57,900
City Parks & Recreation Programs	60,000	15,000	45,000
City Parks & Rec. ProgPromotion/Advertising	1,800	-	1,800
City Parks & Rec. ProgHot Nights Cool Tunes	4,000	-	4,000
City Parks & Rec. ProgCommunity Event Promotion	2,000	-	2,000
City Parks & Rec. ProgTournament Incentives	8,000	-	8,000
Brenham Hotel Association	10,000	10,000	-
Total Funded by City HOT Tax Collections	646,000	165,050	480,950
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce-Craft Beer	10,000	-	10,000
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce-Advertisement	8,000	-	8,000
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce-4th of July Parade	2,840	-	2,840
Chappell Hill Historical Society-Cultural Series	11,350	-	11,350
Chappell Hill Historical Society-Scarecrow Festival	11,350	-	11,350
Chappell Hill Historical Society-Bluebonnet Festival	11,350	-	11,350
Heritage Society of Washington County	8,500	-	8,500
Independence Historical Society-CVB Personnel	8,000	-	8,000
Unity Theater	15,500	-	15,500
Washington on the Brazos	23,000	_	23,000
THL&A Membership	10,110	10,110	-
Total Funded by County HOT Tax Collections	120,000	10,110	109,890
Total Amount	766,000	175,160	590,840



To: HOT Board Members

From: Jeana Bellinger

Subject: 4th Quarter Financial Report by Washington County

Date: January 28, 2019

The 4th Quarter Financial Report from Washington County will be distributed via e-mail to the Board on Tuesday, January 29 2019 and hard copies will be provided at the meeting.



MEMORANDUM

To: Hotel Occupancy Tax Board

From: Carolyn D. Miller

Assistant City Manager-Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Request to Reallocate FY18-19 HOT Funds

Date: January 22, 2019

During the October 13, 2018 HOT Board meeting, the Board approved \$8,000 for Independence Historical Society (IHS). Part of the grant was for staffing their tourist attractions on more weekends.

Based on the feedback from Cygnet Strategies, the consultant performing a Tourism Strategic Action Plan, the IHS urgently needs a new or updated website. With this priority, they are reevaluating the projects approved for HOT funding and are proposing to reallocate funding from staffing to website development. The amount of the reallocation will be discussed at the meeting.

This memo will serve as their formal request to the HOT Board for approval of this reallocation of FY18-19 budgeted funds. For your review and information, I have attached the worksheet from the October 13, 2018 HOT Board meeting showing the approved budgeted funds for all entities.

BRENHAM-WASHINGTON COUNTY HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ALL FUNDING REQUESTS FOR FY2018-19

	AP	Y2017-18 PPROVED UNDING	A	Y2018-19 MOUNT QUESTED	FY2018-19 RECOMMENDED FUNDING
equests for Funding **					
Brenham Heritage Museum	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
1. Brenham Hotel Association - Advertising		10,000		10,000	10,000
Brenham Maifest Association		-		-	-
2. (a) Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce - Craft Beer		-		10,000	10,000
(b) Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce - Advertisement		-		8,000	8,000
(c) Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce - July 4th Parade		-		5,000	2,840
(a) Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce - Car Show		-		-	-
(b) Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce - Experience CH		-		-	-
3. (a) Chappell Hill Historical Society-Cultural Series		5,000		33,000	11,35
(b) Chappell Hill Historical Society-Scarecrow Festival (c) Chappell Hill Historical Society-Bluebonnet Festival		5,000 5,000		25,000 25,000	11,35 11,35
(d) Chappell Hill Historical Society-Buesonnet Festival (d) Chappell Hill Historical Society-Wayfinding Signs		3,000		10,000	-
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4. Dos Brisas		-		100,000	-
Friendship Quilt Guild		1,000		-	-
5. Heritage Society of Washington County		5,000		11,400	8,50
6.(a) Independence Historical Society - CVB Personnel		4,000		9,500	8,00
(b) Independence Historical Society - Restoration		4,000		6,000	-
7.(a) Unity Theater - Advertising		13,000		15,500	15,50
(b) Unity Theater - Theater Presentations		-		-	-
8.(a) Washington Co. C of C - Simon Center Operating Costs		20,500		20,500 *	-
(b) Washington Co. C of C - Conv/Bureau-Admin		172,500		176,500 *	-
(c) Washington Co. C of C - Promotion/Advertisement		265,800		296,100 *	-
8. (a) City of Brenham - Visitor's Center Operating Costs		-		-	-
(b) City of Brenham - Destination Marketing Organization Staffing		-		199,085	199,08
(c) City of Brenham - Promotion/Advertisement/Social Media/Website				293,915	283,91
9. Washington on the Brazos State Park		15,000		26,600	23,00
**TH&LA Membership (actual)		9,200		10,110	10,110
TOTALS:	\$	535,000	\$	798,110	\$ 613,000

^{*} - Amounts shown for representation only; not included in FY2018-19 requested of \$798,110.



Memo

To: Hotel Occupancy Tax Board

From: Jennifer Eckermann

Tourism & Marketing Director

Date: 1/28/2019

Re: Visit Brenham Tourism Update

Your meeting this Wednesday will include an update on the work of Visit Brenham – the official Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Brenham and Washington County.

The update will include the following:

- Continuing work with Vicky Soderberg of Cygnet Strategies on development of a Strategic Action Plan for tourism.
- Reports from our digital marketing and social media partners.
- Report on Quarterly Tourism Partner meeting, scheduled for January 29 in the Bullock Ballroom at The Barnhill Center.
- Update on work at the Visitor Center, and media coverage/interest.

I look forward to sharing this information with you at the meeting.