

MINUTES OF THE TEXAS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION  
IN SESSION AT CORSICANA, TEXAS, JULY 16, 1934

President Cullen F. Thomas called the Commission to order at the Corsicana Country Club at 2 p.m., July 16, 1934. Secretary Mayes reported present Brown, Cline, Farnsworth, Foree, Griffith, Hulen, Martin, Middleton, Neff, Ochs, Sharp, Shary, Snow, Stern, Taylor, Thomas, Wommack, and Mayes, Secretary. Absent: Anderson, Birney, Briggs, Caldwell, Carter, Hawk, Hughes, Jones, Josey, Miller, Pennybacker, Wicks, Sealy, Sevier, and Slater. Hughes, Jones, Pennybacker, and Sevier were reported out of the State.

Walter D. Cline, Chairman of the Executive Committee, announced that the Committee had authorized him to create three sub-committees: Planning, Finance, and Publicity, through which the work of the Executive Committee could best be accomplished. The Planning Committee is composed of Middleton (Chairman), Sharp, Ochs, Hughes, Shary; Finance Committee: Hulen (Chairman), Wommack, Miller; Publicity Committee: Martin (Chairman), Hawk, Josey. Cline stated that these committees have worked hard with limited time and were prepared to make partial and preliminary reports. He asked approval of this order of business and that the President call on the Chairmen for their reports. On motion of Shary, seconded by Taylor, this action of the Executive Committee was approved and the Commission proceeded accordingly.

Hulen stated that the Finance Committee had no other report to make for the present than that submitted to the Executive Committee at San Antonio, June 27, but would at a later date suggest methods for raising the required funds. On request, Secretary Mayes read the report, which was included in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting at San Antonio, June 27, 1934, and mailed to all members of the Commission.

The report was freely discussed, the speakers making it clear that \$15,000,000.00 is set as the minimum and that a workable plan for securing the amount will be presented to the next Legislature. On motion of Neff, seconded by Middleton, the report of the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted.

On request of Chairman Middleton, Shary read the report of the Planning Committee, as follows, the name of Hughes being added to the report as he had heretofore voted for the basic plans:

We, the undersigned members of your duly appointed Planning Committee, unanimously submit herewith our report as a result of our protracted deliberations, relative to plans for a fitting celebration of one hundred years of Texas history and progress.

Under the direction of our worthy Chairman, John D. Middleton, and the thoughtful guidance of our Commission President, Cullen F. Thomas, the Committee has conducted meetings in San Antonio, Austin, and Corsicana, totaling about six days of hard work.

Our Committee submits to you that every member is truly conscious of the importance of the task assigned; that open hearings have been held to which numerous representative citizens from different sections of the State have been invited to appear; that in this manner, we sought to ascertain, as far as possible, the wishes of the people of Texas as to the character and extent of the celebrations to be held in 1936; that our fellow-Texans responded gladly and have thereby assisted materially in the preparation of the plans here submitted; that in addition our Committee has sought to gain information by calling before it from beyond the borders of Texas, fellow-Americans whose past experience in similar enterprises better qualify them to make practical suggestions for our guidance.