

First Medina County Courthouse

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~~Medina County~~

Medina County organized in 1848

Commissioner Court met in County Clerk's office, there being no county courthouse in Medina County.

Nov. 16, 1852 (vol. 1, page 51)

Committee appointed to inquire about cost of building a court house and jail; Joseph Bader and P Fr. pingenot

Jan. 25, 1853

Committee reported and presented estimate from Jos. Schorp for \$1872 for courthouse and jail. Comm rejected bid.

Jan. 31, 1853

Plan with approx. cost ~~re~~ rejected
Dimensions adopted: $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. stone walls
54 X 23, 12 ft. high
one courtroom
one jury room
one jail

April 4, 1853 Special Session

Bids were accepted and discussed. A. Steinle bid at \$5.00 per running sq. measure, and Joseph Burger was awarded masonry bid at \$4.49 per running measure

May 5, 1853 Special Session

Report that Henry Castro to grant to county 2 lots of ground in block 3, Range 6, Castrovilla. Comm. accepted

Copied from M.C. Commissioners' Court
minutes 1852 to 1854 concerning
the building of a Courthouse (#1)

May reg. session, 1853

Jos Schorp was given carpenter ~~of~~ contract for building doors windows, floors and roof and materials for \$495.80

Oct. 3, 1853 Special session

Court petitioned State of Texas to be excused from state taxes for years 1854 and 1855 and said taxes would be used to build courthouse.

Sept. 14, 1854 Special Session

Courthouse completed and floor ordered laid soon as possible

Sept. 28, 1854 Special session, Comm. meeting held in courthouse (school districts created)

Nov. 1854, reg. session/: Final bills paid on court house to Schorp \$495.80, James Montel (lumber and materials) \$307.83, and Jos. Burger \$443.95 (he was forced to replaster outside walls, considered ~~it~~ unsatisfactory)

Sept. 26, 1853

Book #3, page 118-119 (Deed records)
3600 sq. varas in block 3, range 6 in Castroville are deeded to Medina County by Henry Castro, Amelia, his wife, and Angelo Causici trustee/ for Amelai Mathias (description of location included)