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*STATEMENT ON RESIGNATION OF MELONNIE HICKS*

SWEETWATER, TEXAS: The Pioneer County-City Museum announced today that Melonnie Hicks has submitted her resignation as Executive Director of the Museum effective as of 5:00 p.m., March 6, 2020. Board President Matt Counts has accepted the resignation subject to approval of the full Board of Directors.

Counts said, "The Board firmly believes that the Museum exists to tell the story of all people in Nolan County, regardless of identity or political belief." Counts continued, "While we do not condone in any way the statements made by Ms. Hicks, we do recognize and thank her for her many years of excellent service to this Museum and to this community."

The Board expects to meet in the next week to discuss moving forward and addressing the vacancy in the Executive Director role. In the interim Ms. Leslie Bennet will continue to serve in her role to maintain the Museum. Counts stated that during the present period of adjustment, Museum hours may fluctuate. Patrons are advised to call the Museum to before visiting to confirm that the doors are unlocked.

The Pioneer City County Museum is a historic house museum serving the citizens of the City of Sweetwater and Nolan County, Texas. It is situated in the historic Ragland House, built in 1906, and adjacent buildings located in Sweetwater, Texas. The Museum seeks to preserve the heritage of Nolan County and the City of Sweetwater, and to share its history and culture to all wishing to seek it out.

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