

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE MCLENNAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Government Code, Chapter 551, (known as the Open Meetings Act), as amended, a special meeting of Commissioners' Court, the governing body of McLennan County, will be held on Friday, the 14th day of July, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor, West Wing, McLennan County Courthouse, 501 Washington, City of Waco, Texas, at which time, the subjects below will be considered and potentially acted upon.

VIDEOCONFERENCE NOTICE: A quorum of Commissioners Court will meet in person in the Commissioners' Courtroom. A limited number of the Court Members may attend remotely pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.127

The opportunity to view and hear the meeting as well as the process if one wishes to address the Commissioners Court remotely is available at: https://tx-mclennancounty.civicplus.com/1121/Commissioners-Court-Online-Meeting-Info

AGENDA

- A. Proof of Posting of Notice
B. Moment of Silence / Invocation and Pledge
C. Public Comments
D. Budget, Budget Amendments/Transfers/Changes, Additional Revenue Certifications, Expenditure Requests:
1. Regarding the FY 24 Budget:
a. Discussion and/or Action regarding Matters relative to the FY 24 Budget / 2023 Tax Rate, including, but not limited to, Budget Policies, Priorities, Timelines, Updates from the County Auditor and/or Budget Work Sessions, as needed
E. Executive/Closed Session
1. Section 551.071 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.): An executive/closed session will be held so that the Commissioners Court can seek and receive legal advice from its attorneys regarding pending or threatened litigation, settlement offers, claims, or other matters for which the attorneys' duties to their client under the Texas State Bar Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (Ch.551, Gov. Code) if necessary for a subject contained on this agenda, and advice dealing with pending litigation, administrative claims or notices, and legal effects, liabilities, and legal options including but not limited to claims arising from Opioid Litigation, Civil Rights Cases, Tort Claims, or Other Pending or Threatening Litigation
2. Section 551.072 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.): Regarding Real Property, including, but not limited to: (1) Right-Of-Way Acquisitions re: Expansion / Repair Project/s; and/or (2) Real Estate Purchase / Sale / Transfer / Trade / Offers to Purchase, Acquisition / Value / Donations of Real Property / Leases relative to Real Property, including, but not limited to, Potential Properties for Use by County / Public Facilities & Valuation of Current Property for Trade or Sale
3. Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.): Regarding Personnel Matters including but not limited to: Personnel Review / Evaluation of Commissioners Court Appointed Department Heads; Employment, Appointment, Termination, Hearing Grievances Against Employees or Public Officials; Incentive Pay; Personnel Matters Identified in any Open Session Item if Necessary, and related matters
4. Section 551.076 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.): Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
5. Section 551.087 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.): Regarding Economic Development Negotiations including, but not limited to (1) Discussion of Commercial / Financial Information Received from a Business Prospect/s; (2) Pending Negotiations / Potential Prospects and Projects; and/or (3) Discussion re: Offers of Financial or Other Incentives to Business Prospect/s
6. Section 551.089 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.): Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits; including but not limited to (1) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (2) network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b); or (3) the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices:

F. Adjourn

Signed this 7th day of July, 2023

Handwritten signature of Scott M. Felton

SCOTT M. FELTON, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS \*
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN \*

I, J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted this 7th day of July, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas the 7th day of July, 2023 at 8:40 a.m.

J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

BY: Myrcetaz Gowan-Perkins (Deputy)

Notice: Persons with disabilities in need of auxiliary aids should contact the County Judge's Office, (254) 757-5049, prior to the meeting date

FILED: JUL 14 2023

By Myrcetaz Gowan-Perkins, Deputy

**AGENDA: JULY 14, 2023**

**B. Moment of Silence / Invocation and Pledge**

**9:01**

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**County Judge Felton stated that at this time we will have a moment of silence. County Judge Felton then stated that we will now have the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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**AGENDA: JULY 14, 2023**

**C. Public Comments**

**9:02**

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**County Judge Felton opened the floor to anyone present who wished to address the Court on County business matters. Not hearing anyone speak, County Judge Felton closed the hearing.**

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**D. Budget, Budget Amendments/ Transfers/Changes, Additional Revenue Certifications, Expenditure Requests:**

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**See Orders**

**9:02**

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**INFORMATION ONLY:**

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RE: MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE FY 24 BUDGET /  
2023 TAX RATE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUDGET POLICIES,  
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**RE: FY 24 BUDGET**

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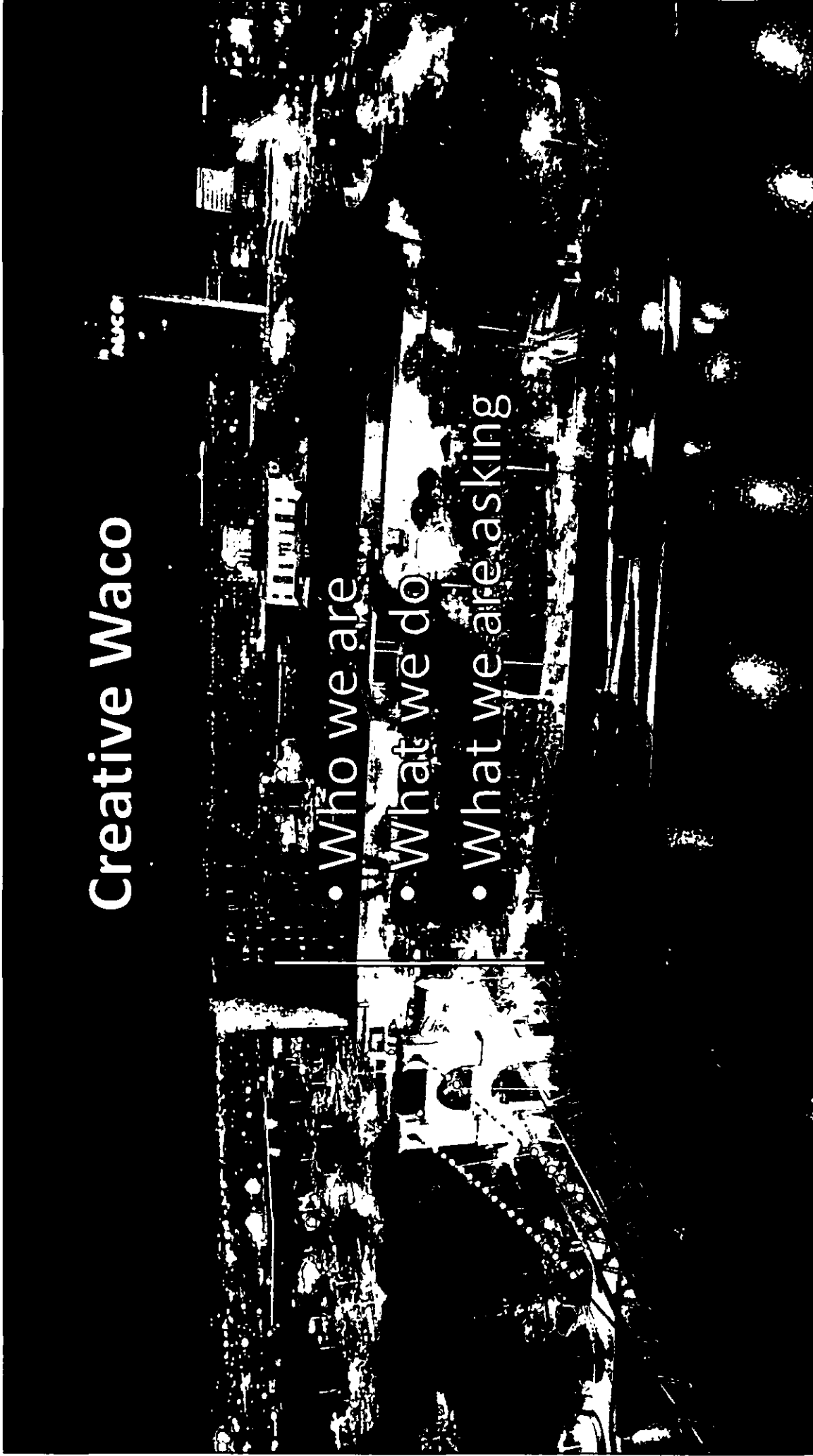
CREATIVE  
**WACO**

McLennan County  
Presentation  
& Funding Request  
2023

Fiona Bond  
CEO

# Creative Waco

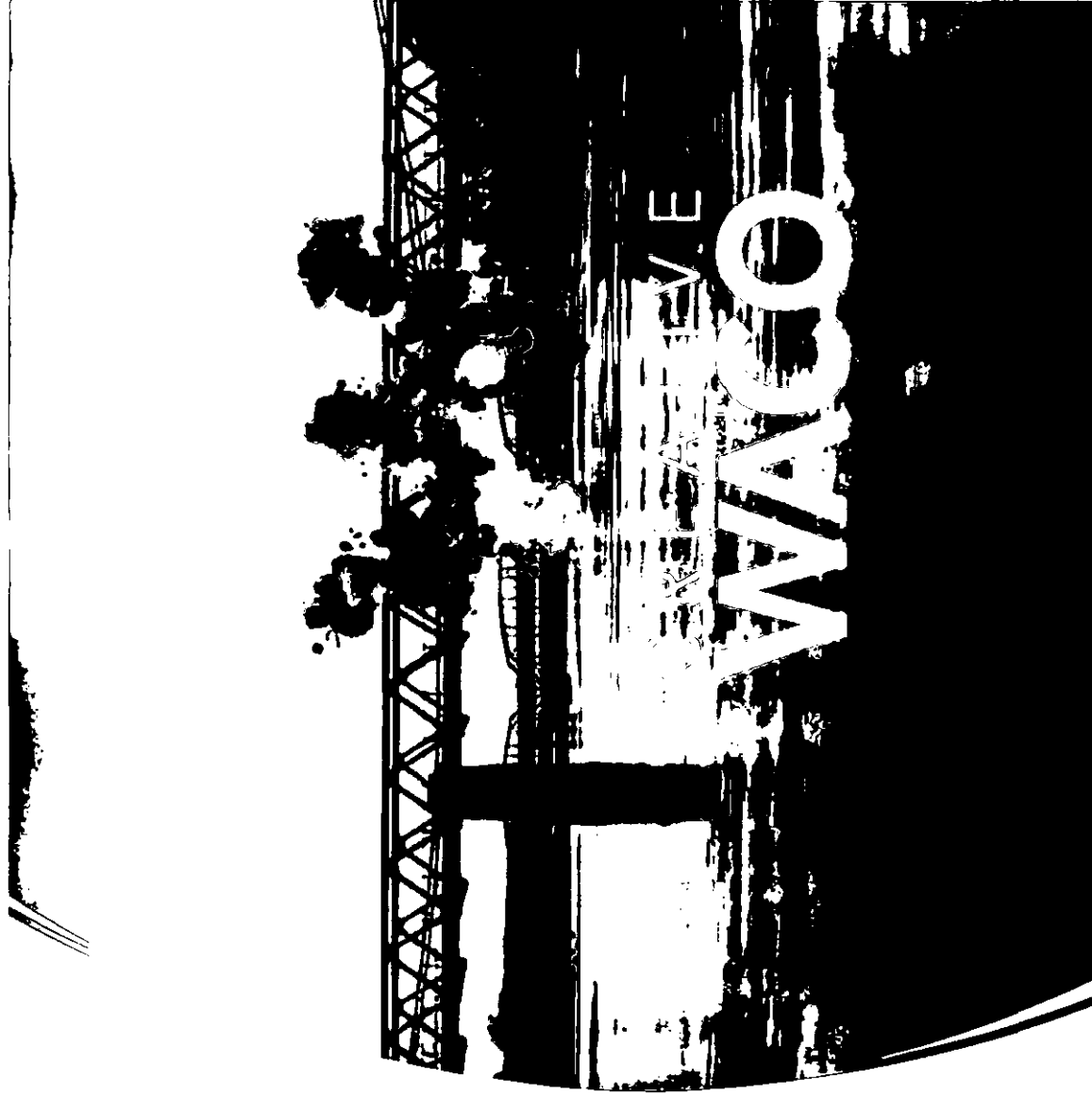
- Who we are
- What we do
- What we are asking



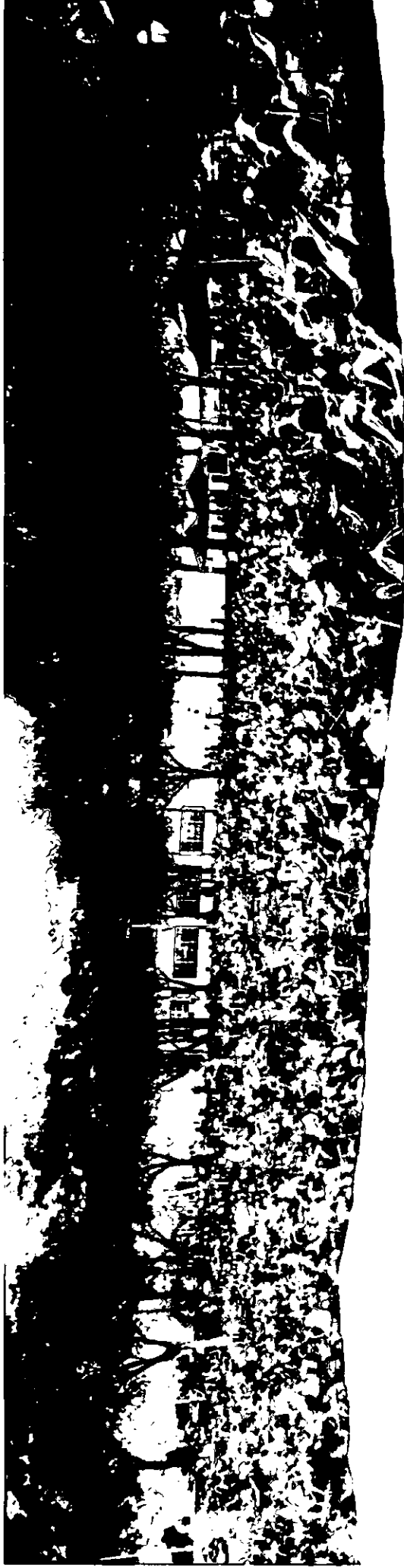
*“We exist to grow and support a thriving cultural and creative community in Waco and McLennan County, Texas.”*



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kws5dkShTbo>







## **Our Scope of Work for McLennan County**

- 1. Growing as a cultural hub & destination**
- 2. Engaging the Creative Sector in Revitalization and Economic Growth**
- 3. Supporting and highlighting the artistic and cultural talents of McLennan County residents**
- 4. Growing and supporting successful arts organizations**

**Deliverable:  
Develop a hub of cultural  
activity in downtown Waco to  
attract residents, businesses  
and tourists**

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**Case Study 1: Chalk Waco Festival  
2022**

- CVB data captured 22,700 visitors from outside county
- 60 sponsors supported 60 artists to do chalk murals
- Paid 60+ performers
- Hosted 150 vendors
- economic impact of over \$4m to McLennan County



## **LOGAN ALLISON** **Visual Artist & Fashion Designer (Precinct 2)**



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- Directed Chalk Waco Fashion Show
  - Former Baylor Football player
  - living in McLennan County – Riesel
  - Talented artist and fashion designer
  - Travels all over the USA and Internationally to make custom hats and garments for the rich & famous
  - Showcasing his work in Waco gave him confidence to purchase land in McLennan County and build his business here
  - Partnering with young local metalsmith

**Deliverable:**  
**Engage the creative sector in revitalization, entrepreneurship, and economic development**

**Case Study 2: Levitt AMP Waco Music Series**

- Waco won a grant following a national competition
- 10-week free, family friendly concerts on Bridge Street Amphitheatre in East Waco
- Emphasis on local musicians, original singer songwriters, with a connection to the community.
- Each week featured musicians, visual artists, other performers, foodtrucks, vendors, family fun zone, community non-profits.
- By the series end, 600 people showing up, 2000 followers
- Social media reach of 172,000





## **TAUSHEY SIAS**

**Gospel Artist (Precinct 2)**

- Young Gospel singer who found herself in financial crisis
- Won a scholarship to MCC
- Joined Creative Waco's "Greenhouse" program for arts entrepreneurs
- Started "Taushey's Vocal Lab" - online vocal lessons and coaching
- Won CW business pitch competition with TFNB
- Now experiencing nationwide career success
- Taushey was our first headline performer for the Levitt AMP Waco Music Series

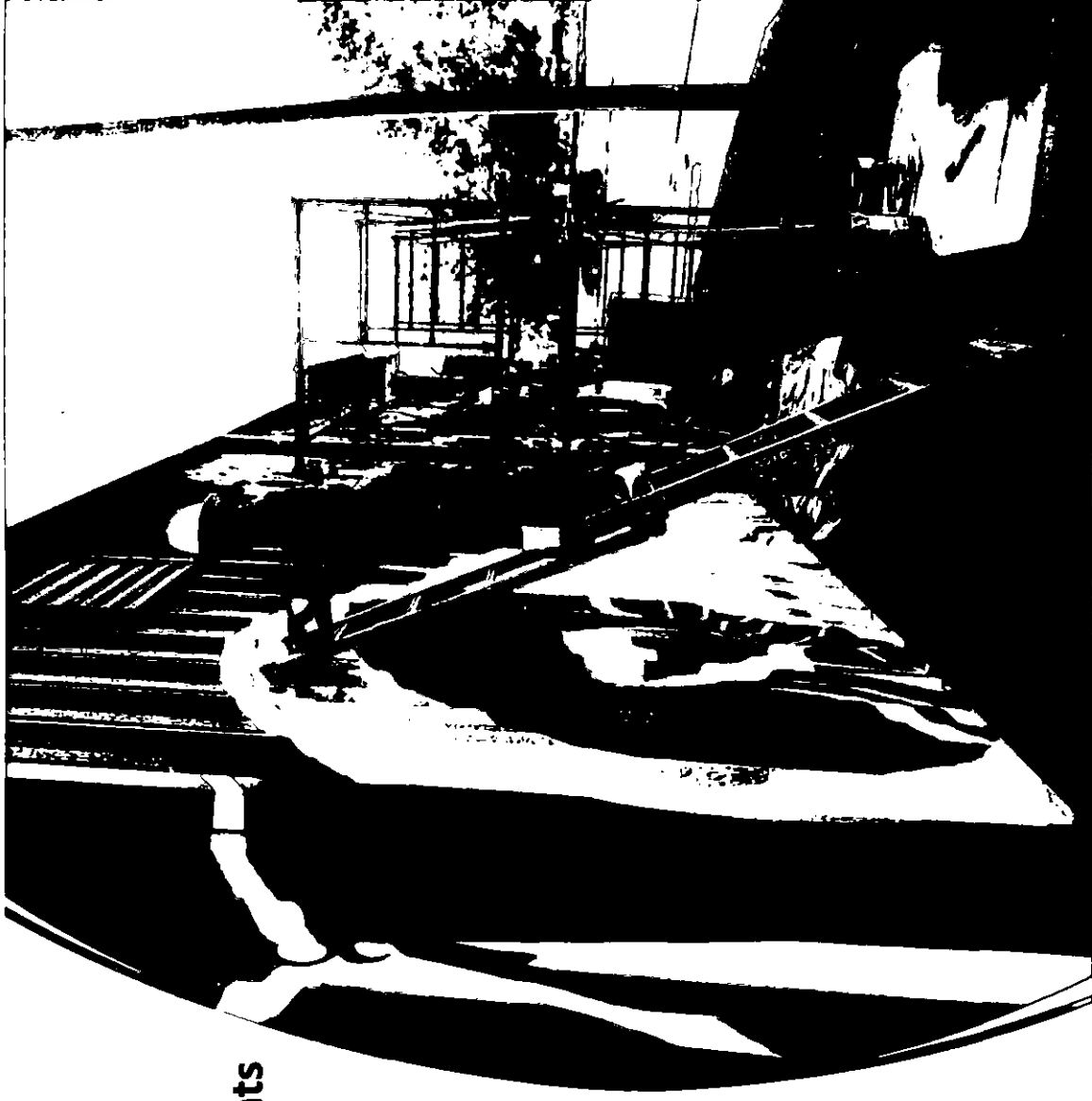


**Deliverable:**  
**Support programs and events that highlight the artistic and cultural talents of McLennan County residents**

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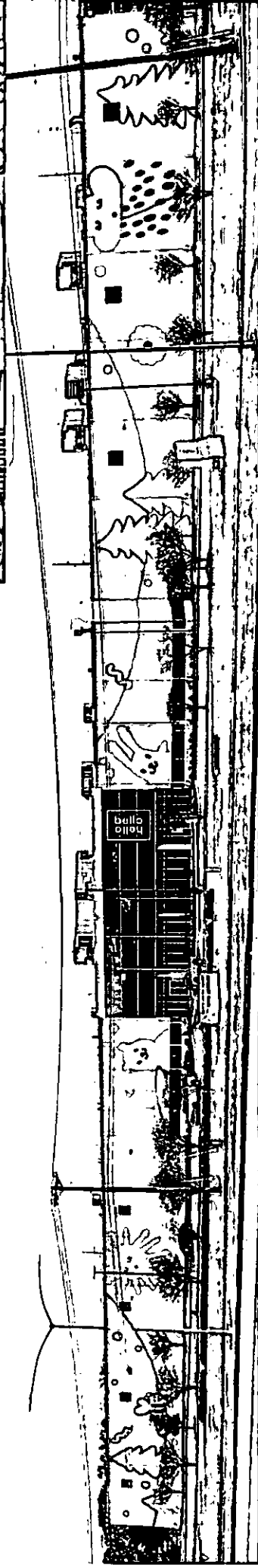
**Case Study 3: ARTPrenticeship**

- Talented high school creatives
- Mentored & paid work experience with professional artists
- Learn to manage a successful creative project from idea to implementation
- Outputs are murals, films & portfolio



## **CADE KEGERREIS** mural artist and designer (Precinct 1)

- Began with ARTPrenticeship as a junior mentor – straight out of college
- painted with AP program every year
- In 2020, was selected as lead designer with Vincent Thomas
- Already a talented artist. He learned to turn his talent into a viable business
- Now employs multiple other artists
- One of Waco's most prolific muralists



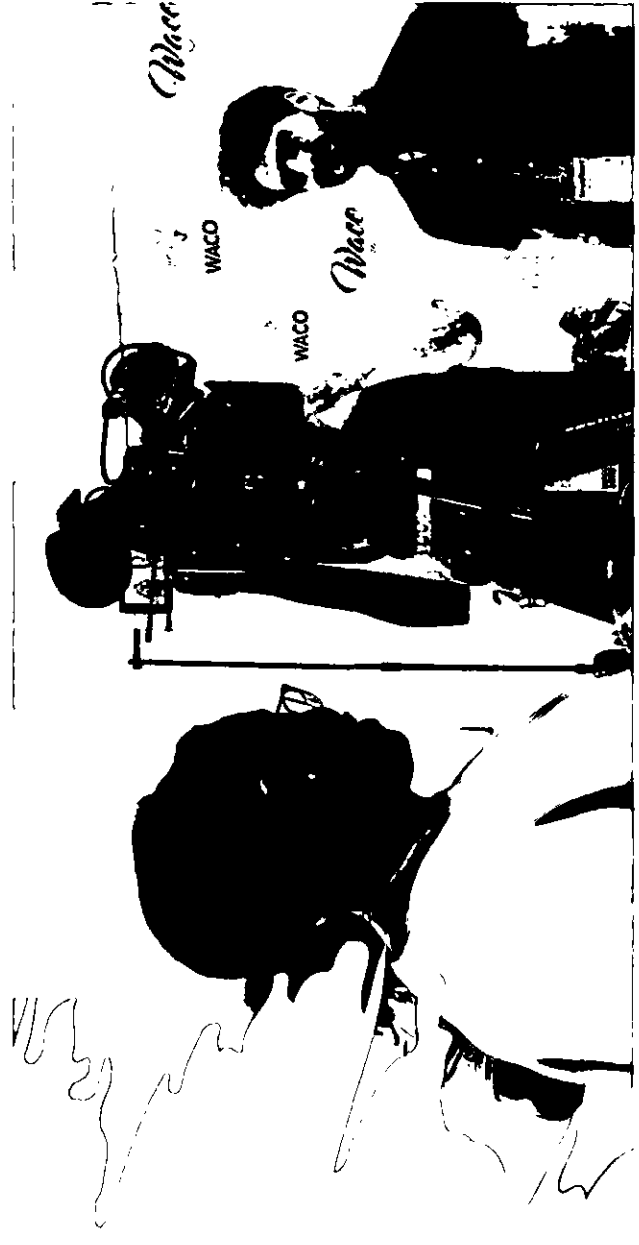
## **SILENT HOUSE** theatre company (Precinct 4)

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- Collin Selman, Bradyn Braziell and Alex Blanton (McGregor)
  - Three young graduates who decided to stay in Waco and launch a theatre company.
  - Innovative & energetic
  - Mission to create unforgettable theatre
  - Every show is designed to be deaf accessible.





**Deliverable:**  
**Grow and support**  
**successful, sustainable arts**  
**organizations**



**Case Study 4: Deep In The Heart**  
**Film Festival**

- Began 2017 with ambition to be internationally significant
- First grant from Creative Waco
- Within 3 years had become a top ranked Independent film festival
- Brings hundreds of film makers to Waco





**LUKE LARSEN**  
film maker & videographer  
(Precinct 3)

- Just graduated China Spring High School
- Has a film that will have its public premiere at DITHFF
- His work will be seen by key film makers and funders from across the profession he hopes to enter

# We are Requesting \$75,000...

- 20,000 to develop a hub of cultural activity in downtown Waco to attract residents, businesses, and tourists
- 20,000 to engage the creative sector in revitalization, entrepreneurship, and economic development
- 20,000 Support programs and events that highlight the artistic and cultural talents of McLennan County residents.
- 15,000 To grow and support successful, sustainable arts organizations



*PLUS parity with ARPA block grant distribution from county over 2 years for economic stimulus*

# **We'll grow that...**

- For every dollar invested by McLennan County in our work, on average we grow that by \$17.50
- Each \$1 invested in Creative Waco by McLennan County typically returns \$2.50 in local tax revenue
- Nonprofit arts and cultural activities deliver \$67.3 million direct economic activity to Waco and McLennan County

*PLUS still hoping for possibility of ARPA block grant distribution from county over 2 years for economic stimulus*



# Questions



**Creativewaco.org**

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk  
McLennan County, Texas

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By Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins,  
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**ORDER RECESSING SPECIAL SESSION**

On this the 14 day of July, 2023, at 10:19 o'clock a.m., Judge Felton announced that this meeting of July 14, 2023 stands in recess for five minutes.

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**ORDER RECONVENING SPECIAL SESSION**

On this the 14 day of July, 2023, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. the Court reconvened in Special Session with Judge Felton presiding and Commissioners James Smith, Patricia Chisolm-Miller, Will Jones, Ben Perry and the Clerk thereof being in attendance, the following proceedings were had and done to-wit:

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**ORDER RECESSING SPECIAL SESSION**

On this the 14 day of July, 2023, at 1:03 o'clock p.m., Judge Felton announced that this meeting of July 14, 2023 stands in recess for five minutes.

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**ORDER RECONVENING SPECIAL SESSION**

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**ORDER ADJOURNING SPECIAL SESSION**

On this the 14 day of July 2023, at 2:19 o'clock p.m. County Judge Scott Felton announced that the meeting of July 14, 2023 is adjourned.

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