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June 15, 2017

The Honorable Chuck Superville
Lamar County Judge
119 North Main
Paris, TX 75460

Dear Judge Superville,

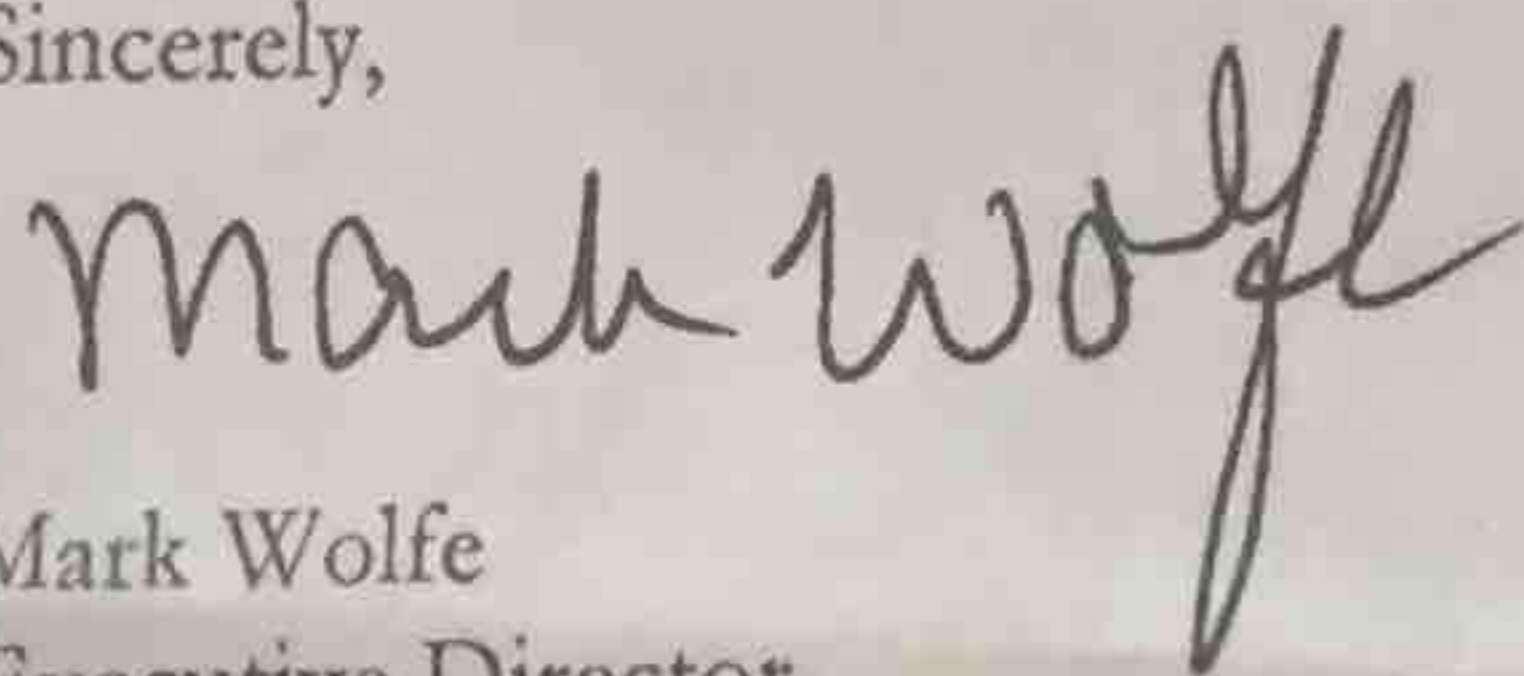
We are in receipt of an unsigned application for the issuance of a permit under the State Antiquities Code for the removal of a sculpture from the grounds of the Lamar County Courthouse, designated as a State Antiquities Landmark in 1992. We assume that this application represents a request from the county itself, as owner of the subject property, and it will be processed accordingly.

As provided by Texas Administrative Code Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 26, Subchapter D, Rule 26.21(a)(1), the Texas Historical Commission has a period of 60 days from the receipt of a permit application to issue or deny the permit. During that time, no work requiring a permit may be performed. As stated in Texas Antiquities Code, Section 191.171, "a person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000, by confinement in jail for not more than 30 days, or by both." In addition, "each day of a continued violation of any provision of this chapter constitutes a separate offense for which the offender may be punished."

The Lamar County Courthouse is one of several hundred properties designated as State Antiquities Landmarks. It is the responsibility of this agency to enforce the Code as it applies to these significant places across the state of Texas.

We may require additional information from the county as this process moves forward. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, and we will respond to your permit application within the period provided by law.

Sincerely,



Mark Wolfe
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission

