

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 2, 2007.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 1:15 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following members' present to-wit:

**Commissioner Randy Durden, Chairman**  
**Commissioner Tommy Langford, Vice Chairman**  
**Commissioner Kenrick Thomas**  
**Commissioner Sharon A. Langford**  
**Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.**

**Others in attendance**

John McPherson, County Attorney, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Patty McCagh, Deputy Clerk, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, Stacey Winfield, County Planner, John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal, Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement, Justin Watson, Road Department Supervisor, Billy Cannon, Assistant Supervisor Road Department, Lee Mills, County Engineer, Sheriff Turner, Captain Tony Cruse, Damon Leggett, Property Appraiser, Ron Mills, Emergency Management, Julie Harrison, Hart Springs, Jerry Kiernan, Byde Roland, Shalene Eddy, Lou Newman, Alachua County Crime Stoppers, Bill & Betty Cox, and Marion & Ed Portevint.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Randy Durden called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. delivering the invocation and Commissioner Tommy Langford led the pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda Changes**

Mr. Gilliam presented the following agenda changes:

1. Addition: Time Certain; 4:45 p.m. Jerry Murphy, Hart Springs Dive Committee

Mr. McQueen presented the following agenda changes:

2. Addition: Lee Mills, Update CR337
3. Addition: Medicare Mileage Rate Increase for EMS
4. Addition: Quotes on Laptop from *GLOBAL*
5. Addition: Hart Springs, Cost for Feasibility
6. Addition: Third quote for Solid Waste
7. Addition: Calendar of Events
8. Addition: 2007 Small County Coalition Annual Meeting

***Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept the agenda as presented with changes noted. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Budget Entries

- BE07-039, Fund 410, EMS.....\$33,478.00
- BE07-040, Fund 434, Solid Waste.....\$47,000.00
- BE07-041, Fund 434, Solid Waste.....\$ 8,000.00
- BE07-042, Fund 140, Transportation.....\$20,000.00
- BE07-046, Fund 001, General Fund..... \$79,030.00

**Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting.....February 19, 2007

**Approval of Bills**

*Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**County Administrators Report**

Emergency Operation Complex: Mr. McQueen presented the following purchase orders for the EOC Complex:

- The Rickman Partnership      Architectural Schematic Design      \$13,644.00

*Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the purchase order in the amount of \$13,644.00 to The Rickman Partnership for the EOC Complex Design. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Geo-Tech, Inc.      Boring of the Site      \$7,790.00

*Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the purchase order in the amount of \$7,790.00 to Geo-Tech for the boring of the site at the EOC Complex. Motion carried unanimously.*

Sheriff’s Department Drainage Project: Mr. McQueen presented for approval the bid for the Sheriff’s Department Drainage Project from Geo-Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$2,192.50.

*Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the bid from Geo-Tech Services for the Sheriff’s Department Drainage Project in the amount of \$2,192.50, which is included in the mitigation grant. Motion carried unanimously.*

Ball Field Bids for Hart Springs: The following bids were presented for the construction of the ball field at Hart Springs. Bids were solicited from three contractors, they are as follows:

- SCI Construction      Level, Construction & Irrigation      \$27,861.00
- Wilkerson Construction      Level, Construction & Irrigation      \$28,850.00
- S&T Construction Service      Level & Construction ONLY      \$39,735.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve award of bid to Wilkerson Construction in the amount of \$28,850.00 for ball field at Hart Springs with 5% bid preference for County business. Motion carried unanimously.***

Hart Springs Bathhouse Update: Ms. Julie Harrison updated the Board on the progress of the bathhouse at Hart Springs. She stated that the block was being laid and should be completed sometime this afternoon/evening. She also stated that the truss package would arrive this week. She made the comment that the bathhouse project should be completed by the time school is out and ready for the summer season.

Mr. Gilliam informed Ms. Harrison that the money collected for civil infractions will be credited to County Parks.

Ms. Harrison asked the Board where does Hart Springs fit in as far as ATV's (4-wheelers) being allowed to ride on the trail between the camp ground and the springs. A concerned citizen had brought this issue to her attention stating that the trail is county property and no ATV's allowed to ride on county owned roads per county ordinance. Ms. Harrison stated that the concerned citizen's complaint is in regards to a group four wheelers go out into the woods on the Water Management's property. She stated that the group he is referencing is not from the campground. They live on the river, but he assumed that they were staying at the campground. She is asking the Board for clarification if four wheelers are allowed within the park or not. It was suggested that Ms. Harrison and Mr. McQueen get together and bring back recommendation to the Board on what needs to be done.

County Road 344, Contract: Mr. Lee Mills, County Engineering, presented the contract from John C. Hipp Construction for the CR 344 project, which has been approved at a previous board meeting, needing the Chairman's signature for full execution of the contract. Along with the contract there is a bond. Mr. Mills requested that the Board execute the contract and that the bond be reviewed by the County Attorney. Board agreed.

County Road 337 Update: Chairman Durden asked Mr. Mills if he had the opportunity to check the surface of CR 337. Mr. Mills stated that he found nine (9) deficiencies after pulling the rolling straight edge. The options to fix the deficiencies are for the contractor to come back and mill it out or overlay it. The Board agreed for Mr. Mills to work with contractor to correct the deficiencies.

### **County Administrator's Report**

Modification to Grant Agreement 07CG-3A-03-31-01-035: Mr. McQueen presented a modification to an existing grant that we have with DCA for the Emergency Operation Center; the design wind speed was changed from 180 mph to 160 mph and to extend the contract date to August 15, 2007. He is asking the Board to accept and approve the modification.

***Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the Modification #1 for EOC grant, revised Scope of Work and extend contract date. Motion carried unanimously.***

Concrete Work at Solid Waste: Mr. McQueen presented three quotes for concrete work at Solid Waste; repairs to floor, curbs, and on the corner by the ramp. The quotes are as follows:

- Hurst Masonry, Inc.                      Labor & Materials        \$5,575.00
- Johnny Young Concrete                Labor & Materials        \$5,750.00
- J&J Concrete Finishing                Labor & Materials        \$8,000.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Hurst Masonry for the concrete work at Solid Waste. Motion carried unanimously.***

Base Grant Agreement, Award Letter: Mr. McQueen presented an AWARD Letter on Agreement #07BG-04-03-31-01-207, serving as legal notification to our Base Grant for the Gilchrist County Emergency Management. The Award Letter provides Federal Funds to the County in the amount of \$11,518.00. This amount increases the total amount of funding under this agreement to \$114,477.00.

***Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the award letter for the Base Grant Agreement for the Gilchrist County Emergency Management in the amount of \$11,518.00. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the following with no action being required at this time:

- The receipt of notification of the approved permit for the Gilchrist County Jail Wastewater Collection System from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- The receipt of notification of the Environmental Resource Permit Application package for Hart Springs Boat Ramp Renovation-ERP07-0121-Gilchrist County from Suwannee River Water Management District
- Invitation to attend the annual Florida Engineering Society/DEP Water Facility State Revolving Fund (SRF) Workshop to be held at the Hilton Walt Disney World Resort on May 31 and June 1, 2007 about available funding opportunities for water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure and nonpoint source projects. (He doesn't know of any projects that we could take advantage of at this workshop)
- Correspondence letter from Commissioner Charles Bronson, Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, informing the BOCC that the application, dated February 22, 2007 for funding the Gilchrist County Agricultural Center, was unable to be processed due to the fact that all applications must be received by the Department by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and ours wasn't received until February 28, 2007

Hart Springs Camping Rate Increase: Mr. McQueen presented a recommendation from Julie Harrison, Parks Department Manager, on increasing the camping rates due to an increase in cost and taxes. The proposed changes are as follow:

• Daily Camping	Current.....\$ 20.00	Proposed.....\$ 22.00
• Weekly Camping	Current..... \$100.00	Proposed.....\$110.00
• Monthly Camping	Current..... \$225.00	Proposed.....\$240.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the increase the proposed Camping Rates to \$22.00, daily; \$110.00, weekly; and \$240.00 monthly. Motion carried unanimously.***

Ambulance Mileage Increase: Mr. McQueen presented a request from Linda Walker requesting a rate increase on ambulance mileage from \$9.17 to \$9.38 per mile.

Medicare has increased their fee schedule for mileage reimbursement for calendar year 2007 now paying \$9.38. In order to receive the highest reimbursement from Medicare as possible, she is asking the Board to consider her request of the mileage increase.

***Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the mileage rate increase from \$9.17 to \$9.38 per mile. Motion carried unanimously.***

Laptop for Map Program: Mr. McQueen presented a quote from Global to purchase a laptop computer for mapping and use of the Boardroom, in the amount of \$1,746.82 to be funded out of General Revenue.

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the purchase of a laptop from Global for the Boardroom, in the amount of \$1,746.82. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. McQueen presented the correspondence from Mills Engineering in reference to the Feasibility Study for the Expansion of Wastewater Collection System for the areas between Hart Springs and the Suwannee River. The estimated cost to prepare the study is not to exceed \$6,000.00. Commissioner Harrison will work on the scope of the project. No Board action need at this time.

Mr. McQueen asked the Board if they would be interested in attending the following events and to let him know by the end of the week so he can process the registrations:

- FAC Annual Conference/CCC Workshops/Board of Directors Meeting; at Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World (Orange County), June 12-15
- 2007 Small County Coalition Annual Meeting, May 29-31; at The Inn at Wildwood in Wakulla County, Crawfordville, FL

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve travel for FAC and Small County Coalition conferences, for Commissioners and Mr. McQueen. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Time Certain**

Alachua County Crime Stoppers: Mr. Gilliam stated that from the previous meeting the Board had requested that more information be gathered on this organization. He spoke with a few sources and received nothing but good references. Sheriff Turner was present to address the Board on his thoughts and support of joining the partnership with the Alachua County Crime Stoppers. Sheriff Turner expressed that he feels this partnership will be a win/win benefiting Gilchrist County since they already have so many resources established and are meeting the state requirements. At this time, there is no funding already being collected by the State for Gilchrist County and therefore if we partnered with Alachua County we/they would be applying for the \$3,000 that has been preset for Gilchrist County. A report will be generated to show where the money's are actually spent on/for Gilchrist County. The Sheriff urges the Board to accept this partnership.

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve partnering with the Alachua County Crime Stoppers Program. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Lou Newman, representing Alachua County Crime Stoppers, stated that a letter will need to be drafted saying that it is okay to partner and merge with the existing organization, Alachua County Crime Stoppers, allowing access to judicial funds that will be used for television and print outs for Gilchrist County.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve sending letter to Crime Stoppers and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Attorney's Report**

Recreational Vehicles Ordinance: Noticed and set for adoption hearing at this meeting; Ordinance 07-03, Recreational Vehicles, time certain 4:00 p.m.

Mr. McPherson stated that the ordinances for Civil Infraction, Update to Capital Improvement Element, Speed Limits and Lot Split are to be noticed and set for adoption hearings at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Resolution 2007-16; Appointing Members of Planning Commission: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2007-16, Appointing Members of Planning Commission, making appointments official. He also stated that Tammy Davis and Alan Mikell's terms were extended. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

#### RESOLUTION 2007-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; RE-APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE FORMER GILCHRIST COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD AS THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE NEWLY-ADOPTED LAND DEVELOPEMNT CODE; ESTABLISHING TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following members of the former Planning & Zoning Board are hereby ratified and appointed to the Planning Commission for the terms as stated below:

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| • Michelle Crawford | Term: 9/30/04-9/30/07 |
| • Tammy Davis       | Term: 9/30/06-9/30/09 |
| • Johnny Martin     | Term: 9/30/05-9/30/08 |
| • Alan Mikell       | Term: 9/30/06-9/30/09 |
| • Roosevelt Stalvey | Term: 9/30/04-9/30/07 |

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2007-16. Motion carried unanimously.***

Resolution 2007-15; For Approval of Loan from Ameris Bank: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2007-15, for Approval of Loan from Ameris Bank. Gilchrist County needs \$176,000.00 to purchase a new Track Hoe to be used by the Gilchrist County Road Department.

Ameris Bank has offered to loan this amount to the County at reasonable terms. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2007-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM AMERIS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$176,000.00 TO AMERIS BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A NEW TRACK HOE.

The Board of County Commissioners has agreed to accept a loan for \$176,000.00 from Ameris Bank.

The Board of County Commissioners agrees to the following terms of the loan: 1) the loan will be repaid in six equal annual installments beginning on April 2, 2008; 2) the interest rate of the loan is 4.78% fixed, per annum; 3) the collateral for the loan shall be the Transportation Trust Fund.

*Motion made Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Resolution 2007-15. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Timer Certain**

Proclamation 07-04; Child Abuse Prevention Month: Sheriff David Turner presented the request made by the University of Florida Child Abuse Prevention Project/Tri-County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, asking the Board of County Commissioners to consider the Month of April 2007, by Proclamation 07-04, to be adopted as **Child Abuse Prevention Month**.

*Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Proclamation 07-04. Motion carried unanimously.*

**County Attorney's Report**

New Jail and New Emergency Operation Center: Mr. McPherson stated that the proposed contracts with construction managers for the new jail and EOC are in the process of either negotiation or being drafted and both will be available at the next Board been for consideration.

Rolling Oaks Special Assessment District: Mr. McPherson asked Mr. McQueen if he was getting bids. Mr. McQueen replied that he contacted Lee Mills, County Engineer, and Lee is working on the bid specifications.

Collection of Road Impact Fees within Bell: A revised Interlocal Agreement for the collection of Road Impact Fees within Bell has been given to Duke Lang. He will have Bell consider the agreement. Chairman Durden stated the agreement was addressed and signed by all parties and was passed March 22<sup>nd</sup>. As of that date fees will be collected.

Baker Act Transport: Mr. McPherson will discuss this matter with Captain Cruse as directed and report back to the Board.

Gilchrist County v. Jessie White: Mr. McPherson stated that this litigation is moving forward.

## Clerk's Report

Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following resolutions and budget entries for Board approval:

- Resolution 07-13 & BE07-044: Amending the Fire District Trust Fund Budget (122) by resolution to lawfully expend unanticipated revenues whereas the Board of County Commissioners have received a grant award, the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, increasing the Fire District Trust Fund Budget, in the amount of \$16,872.50 to provide funds to purchase equipment for Gilchrist County Fire and rescue and BE07-044 in the amount of \$33,745.00.

*Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolution 07-13 & BE07-044. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Resolution 07-14 & BE07-045: Amending the General Fund Budget (001) by resolution to lawfully expend unanticipated revenues whereas the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County have received a grant award in the increased amount of \$1,761.00, which represents the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded by the US Department of Justice and the Department of Law Enforcement for radio chargers.

*Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 07-14 & BE07-045. Motion carried unanimously.*

Budget Recap: Mr. Gilliam presented the Budget Recap report which will be provided to the Board monthly for their review.

Judicial Complex Quotes: Mr. Gilliam presented a quote (on budgeted items) for the Courthouse; two (2) signs/frames, Great Seal of Florida, for Judicial Complex from TREY Signs in the amount of \$970.00.

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve purchase order for TREY Signs, in the amount of \$970.00 for Courthouse signs. Motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Gilliam provided quotes for **informational purposes** only, on X-Ray machines for courthouse security. He stated that when he determines a funding source, he will bring back to the Board. The quotes are as follows:

- Astrophysics, Inc., X-Ray Machine
  1. XIS 5335S \$17,507.00
  2. XIS 535 \$14,206.00
  3. 20" entrance/exit roller extension \$ 800.00

Certificate regarding Matching Funds for Supervisor of Elections: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from Supervisor of Elections Connie Sanchez, asking the Board of County Commissioners to approve and provide matching funds for poll worker recruitment and training.

The matching funds are in an equal amount to at least 15% of the amount to be received from the state, which for Gilchrist County is \$131.56.

***Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve certificate for matching funds for Supervisor of Elections for poll worker recruitment and training, in the amount of \$131.56. Motion carried unanimously.***

Pay Request #19, The Alexander Group: Mr. Gilliam presented for approval pay request #19 from The Alexander Group in the amount of \$105,094.71. This amount includes the 5% reduction from the retainage from 10% to 5%. After this pay request is paid there will a balance of \$244,225.52 in the contract.

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve pay request #19 to The Alexander Group in the amount of \$105,094.71. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas: Commissioner Thomas addresses the issue of rest stops/benches along the sidewalk along the way down to the Post Office. A concerned Citizen had brought this to his attention. He stated that Mr. McQueen had brought this to the City of Trenton's attention. The right of way is owned by the State of Florida. He suggested that Commissioner Thomas may want to go before the City of Trenton's Board. Chairman Durden commented that this is a prime example for the use of Downtown Redevelopment money. Chairman Durden stated that he would be more than happy to go before the City Board and address this issue. Commissioner Thomas commends the Road Department on keeping the road maintenance up. He hasn't had many complaints at all lately.

Commissioner Tommy Langford: Commissioner Langford addressed the issue of closing the county owned river front/accessible property, up behind Daniel Osteen's property. He stated that Blue Springs, Ginnie Springs, Pete Butts and several others have approached him about closing/gating off this property. This has become a nuisance and Commissioner Langford recommends closing property from public access for the time being.

***Motion made by Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to close off land on the Santa Fe, close to Jennie Springs. Motion carried unanimously.***

Commissioner Langford commented on their trip to Legislative Day in Tallahassee. He thought it went well and was a very good day.

He also updated the Board on issues that were discussed at the last Road Committee Meeting.

The Community Trust Fund Grant is the works. Todd Bryant is working on a proposal from a landowner. If anyone else is going to submit one, May 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

The fencing at Waters Lake, has this been started yet? Mr. Gilliam stated that he was to find a funding source to pay for this project. Funds and bid had been previously approved and the project can proceed.

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.: Commissioner Harrison addressed the issue of the Tax Collector being asked to acquire the responsibility of issuing drivers licenses. Board discussed.

Commissioner Sharon Langford: Commissioner Langford addressed the issue of a building on the west side of the Senior Citizens Building. The taxes haven't been paid in two years. She states that this may be something the County might want to consider purchasing during the budget process. Ms. Diane Rondolet addressed the Board on information she knew about the property in question.

Commissioner Randy Durden: Commissioner Durden stated that he received a call from Priscilla Church asking the County if they could dump a load of rock on Church grounds. Per County Attorney, this cannot be done.

### **Time Certain**

Ordinance 07-03; Recreational Vehicles: Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

#### ORDINANCE 07-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE PARKING AND USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE; ALLOWING TEMPORARY USES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES UNDER CERTAIN SITUATIONS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson discussed and explained the ordinance.

Chairman Durden called for any public participation. Mrs. Marion Portevint addressed the Board and shared her thoughts and opinions. Mr. Bill Cox also addressed the Board with questions he had with personal issues affected by the ordinance. Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcer, also asked questions to clarify the regulations of the ordinance. Mr. Ed Portevint wanted to clarify if the permits had to be posted in plan site. The Board replied that that maybe not be such a bad idea. That will be something to look into.

After reviewing and discussing the regulations of Recreational Vehicles in Ordinance 07-03, the Board noted two (2) changes to be made. They are as follows:

1. Section 7.25.1 Travel Trailer: The last sentence "It is of a body width of not more than 8 feet and a body length of not more than 32 feet when factory equipped for the road" **be removed.**
2. Section 7.25.03; (3) a.1.: "The number of consecutive days that the recreational vehicle may be located on the parcel. Under no circumstances shall this number exceed 30" **changing 30 to 120.**

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve and pass Ordinance 07-03 with changes noted. Motion carried unanimously.***

Hart Springs Dive Committee: Mr. Jerry Murphy presented diving rules for Hart Springs that were discussed at the dive committee meeting that was held on March 22, 2007.

Mr. Murphy asked the Board to consider these rules and give permission for these rules to be enacted upon. The diving rules are as follows:

- 1) All guides are requested to leave a written dive plan on the dash of their vehicle in a visible place. This plan should outline approximate entry/exit time and direction of travel. This will prevent undue concern on the part of the park staff.
- 2) Guides will restrict guest diver dives to the gold line. Only after completing 5 dives upstream and 5 dives downstream, shall a guest diver be taken on dives off of the main line. Initial dives by guest divers will be completed upstream of the Black Lagoon.
- 3) Given the vertical nature of the Hart Springs cave system, side-mount configuration should be discouraged to help preserve the cave.
- 4) No scooter dives unless approved by the Head Guide and the Diving Advisory Board.
- 5) No stage dives shall be planned for guest divers. Divers may carry stage bottles for contingency purposes on dives conducted downstream of the Black Lagoon. The stages should be considered “safety bottles”.
- 6) Rebreather divers will follow the rules listed below:
  - a. All Guides wishing to guide divers using rebreathers shall be certified rebreather Instructors.
  - b. There will be no “mixed teams” of rebreather and open circuit divers.
  - c. Guest divers wishing to dive rebreathers in Hart Springs must have completed a minimum of 50 CCR cave dives in other systems before diving at Hart Springs.
  - d. No experimental rebreathers are allowed at Hart Springs.
  - e. Bailout will be agreed upon by the team; the Guide will have the final say on the plan.

*Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the updated rules from the Diving Advisory Board as stated. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Constitutional Officers**

Agricultural Exemptions: Damon Leggett, Property Appraiser, addressed the Board for clarification on property that is in an agricultural classification but doesn't produce any agricultural products wanting to be split. This is an issue that is being faced with more and more everyday. The Board suggested that they will take this issue in to consideration and come up with a solution for future issues.

### **Road Department**

Fuel Depot Update: Mr. Gilliam asked Billy Cannon when the Fuel Depot would be up and running. He stated since the delivery of the tank, he hadn't seen the man since. Chairman Durden advised Billy to tell Justin to give the company a call and see if we can proceed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Adjourned**

There being no further business, Chairman Randy Durden adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Approved:

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Randy D. Durden, Chairman

Attest:

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Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk