TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING August 13, 2007 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 13th day of August, 2007 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the Commissioners' Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE

MARTIN NASH

RUSTY HUGHES

JOE MARSHALL

JACK WALSTON

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3

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The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JOYCE MOORE COUNTY AUDITOR SHARON FULLER COUNTY TREASURER

JOE SMITH CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNETTE CRUSE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Commissioner Nash delivered the invocation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Walston to approve the consent agenda items A through G: minutes of April 13 and July 19, 2007, monthly reports from the probation department, Justice of Peace, Pct.#1, County Clerk, County Extension, County Auditor and County Treasurer. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash to approve the allowances and accounts payable. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED ALLOWANCES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Commissioner Hughes motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing financing of a maintainer for Precinct #2 through Caterpillar Financial Services. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Walston motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing financing of a backhoe for Precinct #4 through Caterpillar Financial Services. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walston to appoint the following as commissioners of Emergency Services District #2(Spurger):

Robert Mott term expires January 2009

John English term expires January 2008
Henry E. Sawyer, Jr term expires January 2008
Allen Benton term expires January 2009
Henry E. Sawyer, Sr. term expires January 2009
Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to appoint the following as commissioners of Emergency Services District #7(Colmesneil):

Steve Bell term expires January 2009
Allen Moffett term expires January 2008
Phillip Darsey term expires January 2008
Don Baird term expires January 2009
Keith Wade term expires January 2009
Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Walston to approve the TCDRS Retirement Plan #328 authorizing to maintain the plan provisions for the plan year 2008, as recommended by the County Treasurer. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Nash motioned to approve the Texas Association of Counties health and employee benefits pool 2007 renewal and benefit confirmation, as presented by the County Treasurer. This is for open enrollment on October 1. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Elaine Allums presented a resolution supporting the participation in the Leadership Southeast Texas Program. She stated this as a leadership vehicle for a nine county area. Former Mayor, Jimmie Ruth Cooley added her accolades for the success of this program. A motion was made by Commissioner Walston and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to adopt the resolution. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

The County Clerk presented Katrina Walston for deputation. Mrs. Walston will be filling a vacancy due to the retirement of Wanda Johnston in that department. Commissioner Walston announced that he would be abstaining from discussion or action on this item. Commissioner Nash motioned to authorize the deputation of Katrina Walston in the County Clerk's department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted yes and none no with Commissioner Walston abstaining. SEE ATTACHED DEPUTATION

Shanelle Wise from the Hardin County Crime Victims Center, offered her assistance to seek grant funding for the establishment of a **Crime Victims Assistance Center** in Tyler County, which she felt was very much needed. This would entail working with the courts and sheriff; and, educating the public about this assistance. She added that new legislation was requiring the schools to also have a program in place. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to table this matter for further study. **Commissioner Walston** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

No one was present to present a resolution concerning **Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.** Commissioner Marshall motioned table this matter. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Lynette Cruse requested a RTS online renewal to allow payment for vehicle registration by **credit cards**. She stated this would be a convenient service to citizens at no cost to the county. The credit card company would charge the customer a transaction fee. A motion was made by **Commissioner Nash** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to allow a third party to accept electronic payment for **vehicle registration** renewals via internet and the RTS online renewal event; and to set a transaction fee of \$2. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walston and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to allow a third party to accept electronic payment for tax payments via the internet, phone and customer counter, authorizing the "point and pay enrollment"; and set a transaction fee of \$2. All voted yes and none no.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

Judge Blanchette announced the **Tyler County Hospital Board** meeting report would be given at a later meeting.

Commissioner Walston reported his and Mrs. Gregory's conversing with the architect of the J.B. Building. The architect sent a proposed cost of \$580,000. Commissioner Walston stated the cost would be lowered with a lift being installed verses a full elevator.

Commissioner Walston requested the County Treasurer to re-study the possibility of direct deposit of **employee's** payroll.

The County Auditor, Joyce Moore, opened proposals for the predisposition contract for services and debris removal, as advertised. Proposals were received from:

North American Procurement Company, Woodville, Tx

Crowder Gulf from Alabama

Garnier Environmental Services, Deer Park, Tx.

**DRC Emergency Services** 

Bronco Disaster Relief.

This was not on the agenda, therefore, no action was taken.

Commissioner Walston motioned and Commissioner Marshall seconded the meeting to be adjourned.....10:35 a.m.

## THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on August 13, 2007.

