

ORDINANCE NO. 99-03

AN ORDINANCE FINDING THAT CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY FUNDS SERVE A COUNTY PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FUNCTIONS AND FOR FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FUNCTIONS AND FOR CERTAIN EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING SUCH EXPENDITURES PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the Attorney General of Florida has opined that a county may by proper ordinance expressing appropriate legislative findings as to the purpose of the ordinance and the benefits accruing to the county therefrom provide for any program that will be beneficial to the county and in its interest or will serve a county purpose and may expend county funds for such declared purposes; and

WHEREAS the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and declares that programs to recognize, benefit, inform and involve employees, members of the public, and certain government officials within and as to the process of government will encourage and facilitate employee productivity and communication by and between the public and government officials essential to the provision of quality governmental services; and

WHEREAS the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners further find and declares that expenditures of county funds for such programs serve a county purpose;

NOW THEREFORE Be It Ordained:

Section 1: CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED

(A) The Board of County Commissioners may provide for the expenditure of county funds for employee awards, employee awards ceremonies and functions, and other events relating to the recognition of county employees, including but not limited to food and other refreshments for such functions.

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(B) The Board of County Commissioners may provide for the expenditure of county funds for meals consumed by employees at the employees' regular place of business when such employees are directed by a supervisor to continue a meeting or other business activity through a scheduled meal time without break.

(C) The Board of County Commissioners may provide for the expenditure of county funds for food and refreshments consumed by members of the public in or on the grounds of County-owned or County-controlled facilities or property during an open house or similar event, including but not limited to meetings of regional or inter-governmental government agencies or organizations when held at a County facility, where furnishing of such food and refreshment is a customary role of the host agency.

(D) The Board of County Commissioners may provide for the expenditure of county funds for holiday decorations when such decorations are placed in publicly accessible areas of county buildings or areas of other county property visible to the public.

(E) Expenditures under this ordinance shall be reviewed and approved by the County Administrator or his or her designee, in addition to review and approval by any other official as may be required by statute.

Section 2: DECLARATION OF COUNTY PURPOSE AND CONFIRMATION AND RATIFICATION OF PRIOR EXPENDITURES

The expenditures authorized herein are hereby declared to be a county purpose in the common interest of the employees and citizens of the County. Any such expenditures incurred for such purposes prior to the effective date of this ordinance are hereby confirmed and ratified.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

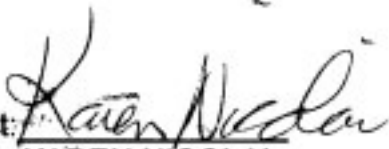
It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the work "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate designation.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the Secretary of State that said Ordinance has been filed.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS in Regular Session this 9th day of February, 1999, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Attest: 
KAREN NICOLAI
Clerk

By: 
PAT NOVY
Chairman

