

Supervisors Abolish Youth Commission

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The Board of Supervisors this morning abolished the county Youth Commission due to lack of membership.

Supervisor Gary Patton reluctantly recommended the commission be abolished, saying there seem to be at least two problems with the commission.

"First, the Youth Commission ordinance requires that members can only serve until they reach the age of 18. This causes a regular removal of the more experienced and knowledgeable members," Patton stated in a letter to fellow supervisors.

"Secondly, a Youth Council has been established under the CETA program, to some degree duplicating the local commission," he added.

The commission was formed in the late 1960s. While it was active, Supervisor Dan Forbus noted, it managed to make

curfews throughout the county consistent and established places where hitchhikers could get rides.

Supervisors Forbus, Robley Levy and E. Wayne Moore Jr. all agreed with Patton and said they were sad about the commission's death.

Patton noted his recommendation to abolish the commission may spark new interest in it. He said he received one call from a person who indicated interest in serving, especially with today's problems of youth gang violence.

With a hint of optimism in his voice, Patton stated that if interest is shown, the board can always reestablish the commission.