

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on June 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Commission Chair June Jackson, District 1 Commissioner Karen Isenhower, District 2 Commissioner Lee Boone, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Allen gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from June 9, 2009 as presented.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments** – None.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda** – Commission Chair Jackson asked for two amendments to Old Business to include “e” Discuss Bids on Ambulance – Chief Scott Blue and “f” Discuss Agreement with Owen Davis. Commissioner Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to include “e” Discuss Grass Cutting on Right of Way. Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to New Business to include “f” Discuss Enon Grove Cemetery. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved these requests.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Update on Heard County Sports Complex – Mr. Kevin Hamby, Clough Harbour & Associates** – Mr. Kevin Hamby with Clough Harbour & Associates reported that Sports Turf has substantially completed the punch list items discussed previously, at the Sports Complex. He stated that the entrance fence is being painted today and should be done by the end of this week. He also stated that the

fields look good and the irrigation pump is working. He did state that he still has grassing concerns and there will be negotiations ongoing regarding the concrete repairs. There are still some fencing that needs brackets and paint but all in all he felt that Sports Turf has reached substantial completion. He also stated that he felt that Headley Construction had reached completion and he recommended paying the Headley Construction invoice #17 and the Sports Turf invoice #18. He explained that we will still be holding \$350,000.00 on Sports Turf after invoice #18 is paid.

**b. Approve Pay Requests for Heard County Sports Complex – Commission Chair**

Jackson presented two pay requests on the Heard County Sports Complex. The requests were as follows:

Headley Construction - Pay Request # 17 - \$69,800.00

Sports Turf Co., Inc. - Pay Request # 18 - \$98,400.94

On motion (Boone) and second (Crook), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve the Sports Turf invoice. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion. Commissioner Boone stated that he would like to discuss the insulation at the gymnasium before a motion on the Headley invoice. Mr. Hamby explained that the fireproofing material sprayed into the roof of the gym fell and damaged some ceiling tiles in the lobby of the gym. He explained that when this material was mixed and sprayed into the roof that it was apparently too wet and this led to some of the material falling from the roof. He stated that this is a warranty claim and he felt it was an isolated incidence. The other rooms were checked and everything was okay. He explained that after this invoice we are still holding \$20,000.00 retainage on the gym. He did state that there is

also an extended warranty with Headley. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that the County should pay an invoice within 30 days. She advised that the County go ahead and pay this pay request. She stated that if there are problems in the future, there are other options to get these problems settled. **Commissioner Caldwell stated for the record, that he was not satisfied with Clough Harbour’s performance on the Sports Complex project.**

On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve the Headley pay request on advice of the County attorney. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Crook, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion.

Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion stating that she was disappointed with the substandard work of Headley Construction. Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board to approve Clough Harbour & Associates invoices for professional services rendered on the Sports Complex. The invoices were as follows:

Invoice dated 03/11/09	-	\$10,000.00
Invoice dated 04/08/09	-	\$ 5,000.00
Invoice dated 05/01/09	-	\$ 7,500.00
Invoice dated 06/11/09	-	\$ 2,500.00
Total Invoices	-	\$25,000.00

On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve these invoices.

**c. Approve Pay Request for Transportation Engineering Services** - Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request from Clough Harbour for transportation engineering services for local culvert replacement projects at Deer Creek and Denny

Creek in the amount of \$15,841.91. On motion (Boone) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this pay request.

**d. Approve Pay Request for Fire Administration Facility** - Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request from Clough Harbour and Associates for the engineering services related to the fire administration facility in the amount of \$2,000.00. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**e. Discuss and Open Bids on Ambulance – Chief Scott Blue** – Chief Scott Blue stated that he had recently submitted bids for a new ambulance and received three proposals and bids. He stated that he, Dan Davis, Tim Rogers, and Patty Jiles opened the proposals earlier in the day and reviewed each proposal. He stated that after reviewing the proposals he compiled a spreadsheet with each vendor’s delivery date, warranty time, experience of their company, and whether or not they met specifications or if there were exceptions. He presented a spreadsheet with this information and a line to add the prices for the ambulance (see attached). After opening the bids, Chief Blue made a recommendation to buy the ambulance from Peach State Ambulance, Inc. at the cost of \$119,944.00. He explained that the County would only be paying \$48,515.43 for this ambulance after receiving grant money in the amount of \$71,428.57 from the Georgia Trauma Commission. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Chief Blue also asked the Board for permission to apply for a federal stimulus grant to build a new Glenn Fire Station. He explained that this grant application is due July 10, 2009 therefore he would need to get the grant package completed as soon as possible. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**f. Discuss Agreement with Owen Davis** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner had prepared a right of entry agreement between Mr. Owen Davis and Heard County for HDR, Inc. to perform tests on and around the County’s former landfill property. She asked the Board to approve her signing this agreement. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved for Commission Chair Jackson to sign this agreement as Heard County’s representative.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Adopt 2009-2010 Budget** – On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 budget.

**b. Appointment to the Chattahoochee Flint Historic Advisory Committee** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Chattahoochee Flint Regional Development Center is assembling a Historic Preservation Advisory Committee as part of their regional planning contract with Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division. This committee will have members from each of our five counties and will meet quarterly. Chatt Flint asked Heard County to appoint two members to this committee. On motion (Boone) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Donald Rogers and Mr. Tonnie Adams to this committee.

**c. Appointment to Heard County Department of Family & Children Services (DFACS) Board** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that she had received a letter from the DFACS Director, Mrs. Charlene Harrod regarding a resignation from the DFACS Board. She stated that Mrs. Margaret Payne had resigned from this board due to health reasons and that Heard County would need to appoint a successor within 90 days after the vacancy occurs. This person will serve the remainder of Mrs. Payne’s unexpired term

beginning July 2009 and extending through June 30, 2011. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously appointed Mrs. Carolyn Lane to this Board.

**d. Discuss Purchase of Bush hog and Dump truck – Darold Wiggins, Public Works**

**Director** – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director presented three bids on a 15 foot bush hog cutter. He explained that he needed to replace a 10 foot bush hog cutter for safety reasons. The bids were as follows:

Georgia Deer Farm	-	\$13,214.00
Georgia Farm Power	-	\$13,500.00
Lashley Tractor Sales	-	\$14,089.80

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the low bid of \$13,214.00 from Georgia Deer Farm. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Mr. Wiggins also presented three bids on a new dump truck. He explained that the old Mack dump truck being used now needs to be replaced and does not need to be used for hauling gravel. He stated that the three bids he received are for three different trucks. Each truck is an automatic which is good for safety and maintenance reasons. He also stated that he did prefer the Ox bodies that are on Mack trucks. The bids were as follows:

Nextran Truck Center	-	2008 Mack GU813 Automatic	-	\$102,426.30
Nalley Motor Trucks	-	2008 International 7600	-	\$ 95,000.00
Nalley Motor Trucks	-	2008 Peterbilt 365	-	\$105,000.00

After some discussion, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to buy the 2008 Mack dump truck at a price of \$102,426.30 from Nextran Truck

Center in Atlanta. Upon ordering the truck, Mr. Wiggins re-negotiated the price of the truck to save \$4,000.00 for a total purchase price of \$98,426.32.

**e. Discuss Grass Cutting on Right of Way** – Commissioner Boone asked Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins, to look into possibly cutting the intersection medians on U.S. Highway 27 in Heard County. He explained that the State of Georgia has cut back on their cuttings on State highways to once a year and this can cause limited site distance at these intersections and interchanges on Highway 27. He asked Mr. Wiggins to talk with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to ask them their schedule on when they are going to cut the medians on Highway 27. Mr. Wiggins stated that he would speak with the DOT and that if the County works on any state highway they will need some safety gear and lights in order to mow grass on these state highways.

**f. Discuss Enon Grove Cemetery** – Commissioner Isenhower expressed her concerns about the condition of a very old cemetery on Enon Grove Road that has been vandalized. She asked if there is any way that the County could clean up this cemetery. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that we would need to find out who owns the cemetery first because the County can not work on private property.

There being no further business, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.