

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on February 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from January 24, 2017.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Discuss Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Management Program, Debris Management/GIS and Hazard Education Program – Stacie Morris, Zoning Administrator, Steve Wirth, Fire Chief and Sharon Armstrong, Plans & More, LLP– Sharon Armstrong with Plans & More, LLP presented a contract for \$21,000.00 to the Board for the following items:

- 1) Update Current Zoning Ordinance;
- 2) Install Floodplain Management Package for Heard County;
- 3) Debris Management Plan;
- 4) Safe Communities Audit;
- 5) GIS Mapping for Flood Area;

Mrs. Armstrong stated that these items (all but updating the current zoning ordinance) would put Heard County into compliance with FEMA and GEMA requirements and would allow Heard County

to receive FEMA and GEMA funds if a disaster happens in Heard County. She also explained that this would include updating the subdivision regulations inside the zoning ordinance, software, training, GIS, and flood files. She stated the entire project would be finished within 120 days. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss Bids/Purchase of New Ambulance – Steve Wirth, Fire Chief – Chief Steve Wirth presented three bids for the purchase of a new ambulance. The bids were as follows:

Medix	-	\$128,109.00
Osage	-	\$146,920.00
Braun	-	\$177,717.00

Chief Wirth recommended accepting the low bid for \$128,109.00 from Medix. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

c. Approve List of Heard County Roads for Georgia Department of Transportation Regarding Radar – Chairman Boone presented a Georgia Department of Transportation radar list for Heard County. This is a standard procedure required by the Georgia Department of Transportation in order for Heard County to post proper speed zone signs on non-state route roadways and for the Heard County Sheriff to be able to use radar in Heard County. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – Mrs. Agnes Jackson recently retired from the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors. Chairman Boone stated that Mrs. Sandra Nolen has agreed to serve on this Board. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously appointed Mrs. Sandra Nolen to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors to fulfill the un-expired term of Mrs. Agnes Jackson. (see attached resolution).

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss HB 461, Regarding Board of Elections – At the January Board meeting, The Board discussed the enactment of local legislation by the general assembly of The State of Georgia to create a board of elections in Heard County. Ms. Conner stated that the resolution was sent to the legislative council to draft the local legislation and it was drafted as HB 461 (attached). She went over the draft with the Board and asked the Board to authorize House Representative Randy Nix to introduce this to the House for approval. After some discussion with Chief Registrar Tonnie Adams, on motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to move forward with this legislation.

Agenda Item # 7 - Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 8 - Executive Session – Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session.

On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously agreed to reenter into Open Session. Chairman Boone stated in Executive Session the Board discussed possible litigation with no decisions being made.

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

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date _____