

**HEARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 13, 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. Mr. Kevin Hamby of Clough Harbour gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from December 9, 2008, December 16, 2008, and December 30, 2008 as presented.

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

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda** – None.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss CM at Risk Project for EMA**

**Headquarters – Mr. Kevin Hamby, Clough Harbour & Associates** – Mr. Kevin Hamby from Clough Harbour & Associates presented a recommendation on the CM at risk project for the EMA Headquarters. He explained that after receiving five proposals on this project, the selection was narrowed to the two best qualified applicants. He explained that one of the applicants, New South Construction lowered his price by approximately \$40,000.00. He stated that this quote does not include any furniture or communication equipment, just the building. He recommended to the Board to accept New South Construction as the CM

at Risk for this project. After some discussion, on motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**b. Approve Pay Requests for Thompson Road Paving Project & Sports Complex –**

Commission Chair Jackson presented an invoice on the Thompson Road paving project and two pay requests for the Sports Complex. The requests were as follows:

Clough, Harbour & Associates – Thompson Road Evaluation	-	\$ 11,106.91
Headley Construction - Pay Request # 14	-	\$253,544.00
Sports Turf Company – Pay Request # 16	-	\$ 77,955.01
Total Requests	-	\$342,605.92

On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved these pay requests.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Set Commission Meeting Dates, Time and Place for**

**2009** - On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted for the commissioner meetings to remain on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse for 2009.

**b. Appoint Vice-Chairman for 2009** - On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve Commissioner Crook as Vice-Chairman for 2009.

**c. Appoint County Clerk for 2009** - Commission Chair Jackson recommended that Patty Jiles be appointed as County Clerk for 2009. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to approve Commission Chair Jackson’s recommendation.

**d. Appoint County Attorney for 2009** - Commission Chair Jackson recommended that Jerry Ann Conner of Glover & Davis, Newnan Georgia, be appointed as County Attorney for 2009.

On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve Commission Chair Jackson's recommendation.

**e. Appoint County Auditor for 2009** – Postponed.

**f. Discuss Budget for Cell Tower** – Finance Director, Felicia Adams presented a six month budget for the cell tower located on Franklin Parkway. She explained that this budget would be a separate department under Chief Scott Blue's supervision. She also asked the Board to approve a budget resolution for this department. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve this budget and resolution.

**g. Discuss Purchase of Truck for Road Department** – Finance Director, Felicia Adams presented three bids on a 2009 Ford F150 4x4 pickup for the road department. She explained that this truck would replace a 1986 Ford truck and a 1979 Chevrolet truck. The bids were as follows:

Mike Fitzpatrick Ford, Newnan, Georgia	-	\$21,356.20
Richard Haney Ford, Carrollton, Georgia	-	\$21,679.00
Mike Patton Ford, LaGrange, Georgia	-	\$24,679.36

She recommended accepting the low bid from Mike Fitzpatrick Ford in Newnan at the cost of \$21,356.20. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board voted 4 to 1 to accept this bid. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Crook, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion and Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

Ms. Adams also asked the Board to declare the 1986 Ford and the 1979 Chevrolet as surplus vehicles to be sold at a County auction later in 2009. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to accept this recommendation.

**h. Approve Bids on Dumpsters** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the County currently has seven dumpsters that are rusted out and need to be replaced. She stated that she solicited bids for ten dumpsters. (see attached spreadsheet). After reviewing the bids, she recommended accepting the low bid from Bakers Waste Equipment. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**i. Approval of 5311 Contract Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the annual 5311 contract for Heard County Transit will need to be approved. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this contract and approved for Commission Chair Jackson to sign the authorizing resolution.

**j. Discuss Arena Committee** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that she would like to appoint an Arena Committee to discuss fees, policies and procedures, etc. for the arena and for this committee to report back to the Board at the second meeting in February with their recommendations. She appointed the following: Commissioner Lee Boone, Ms. Patty O’Bryen, Mr. Sammy Noles and Mr. Steven Morris.

**k. Schedule Work Session to Discuss Roosterville Fire Station** – A work session was scheduled to discuss the Roosterville Fire Station on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse.

**l. Discuss Appointments to Heard County Recreation Board** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that each Board member would need to make an appointment to the Recreation Board. She explained that this appointment will last through the Commissioner’s term, either two years or four years. Commissioner Allen appointed Ms. Marion Boyd as the representative for District 5; Commissioner Crook appointed Mr. Cliff Jiles as the representative for District 4; Commissioner

Caldwell postponed his appointment for District 3; Commissioner Boone postponed his appointment for District 2; Commissioner Isenhower appointed Ms. Jill Hill as the representative for District 1; and Commission Chair Jackson stated that she has an appointment for this Board also, Mr. Todd McKinney.

**m. Update on Mountain Bike Trail – Mr. David Julien, Director, Heard County Parks & Recreation Department** – Commissioner Crook stated that he would like to have Mr. David

Julien report to the Board on the progress of the mountain bike and horse trails to the Board.

Commissioner Crook stated that he wanted to make it clear to everyone that the arena was not a staging area for the horse trail. The arena is a totally separate entity from the horse trail which is located behind the arena. He expressed his concern that there needs to be rules and regulations set as to who can be on the horse trail and bike trail with a signed waiver and permission and if you are there without permission there are consequences. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner suggested that the County consider an ordinance stating these consequences if anyone are caught without the signed waiver or permission. Mr. Julien reported that he and Mr. David Hucka of the Georgia Mountain Bike Association and Ms. Darlene McCarthy all met and discussed the trails, not the arena. He stated that the usage of the arena was never discussed. After further discussion, it was decided that Mr. Julien and County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner will get together to prepare the waivers needed and the wording for the rules and regulations at the entrance to these trails.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session** – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open

Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board discussed personnel and land acquisition in Executive Session.

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