

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on December 8, 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 – Presentation to Mr. Scott Parrott** – Commission Chair Jackson on behalf of the Board, presented a plaque to Mr. Scott Parrott, Battalion Chief with the Heard County EMA, for 25 years of service to Heard County. The entire board thanked Mr. Parrott for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

**Agenda Item # 4 - Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from November 24, 2009 with changes to pg. 4.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments** – None.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda** – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to New Business to include “e” – Discuss Abandonment of a portion of Old Hwy. 27 (Franklin Parkway) and “f” – Discuss Revolving Loan Fund Application. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Revolving Loan Fund Application – Mr. Terry Harper, Chairman, Heard County Development Authority** – Mr. Terry Harper stated that the Heard County Development Authority recently received an application for the revolving loan funds available to prospective businesses opening in

Heard County. He stated that the application from Mrs. Marcena Cash and Mr. Ricky Burson, to re-open the Main Street Diner did meet all requirements of the revolving loan fund and the Development Authority would like to recommend approval of their application. On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Update on EMA Headquarters – Kevin Hamby**

Mr. Hamby presented a budget update on the EMA Headquarters and stated that this project will be substantially complete on December 29, 2009. Mr. Hamby also presented pay request # 5 from New South Construction for the Fire Administration Facility in the amount of \$615,375.52. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request. Mr. Hamby asked the Board to clarify the signage on the building. He presented an example of the sign to the Board. After some discussion, it was decided that the sign will be off white letters to match the exterior of the building and will read Heard County Fire & Emergency Services Headquarters on the front of the building and Coroner in the back of the building. Mr. Hamby stated that on December 15 the furniture selection committee plans to present a recommendation to the Board for a furniture vendor. He stated he expected the furniture to be in by the end of February, 2010 with a possible move in date of March 1, 2010.

**b. Discuss Deed for Old Roosterville Fire Station** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Ms. Patsy Dowdy, the owner of the old Roosterville Fire Station, agreed to sign an agreement with Heard County to allow Heard County to remove their emergency siren and tower from her property at a later date. She also had the power and gas switched over to her name. Jerry Ann Conner, County Attorney stated that the Board could go

ahead and sign the quit claim deed over to Ms. Dowdy since she signed the hold harmless agreement. On motion (Boone) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this agreement and gave Commission Chair Jackson the authority to sign the quit claim deed.

**Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Approve Amendments to Transit’s Drug &**

**Alcohol Policy** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Samantha McKinney, Transit Director was recently required to update the Transit’s Drug & Alcohol policy to include some FTA regulations regarding observed collections. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved these amendments.

**b. Appointment to Public Facilities Authority** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Heard County Development Authority has asked the Board to approve someone to finish out Mr. Donald Rogers term on the Heard County Public Facilities Authority. The Development Authority recommended Mrs. Judy Miller. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board voted four to one to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Crook and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

**c. Approve Resolution Fixing Qualification Fees** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Joseph Bledsoe, Probate Judge has asked that the Board approve the qualifying fees for the 2010 elections. A signed resolution is required. A copy of the resolution is attached. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**d. Discuss Appointment to Region One Behavioral Health and Developmental**

**Disabilities Planning Board** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that last year the Board

appointed Mrs. Barbara Moore to the Region One Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Planning Board. Mrs. Moore has resigned and the Board would need to appoint another member. Commissioner Allen recommended appointing Ms. Brenda Poole to this Board. Commissioner Caldwell asked to postpone this recommendation until the January 12, 2010 meeting.

**e. Discuss Abandonment of a Portion of Old Hwy. 27** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Fred Harcrow has requested that the County abandon a portion of Old Hwy. 27, located adjacent and east of his property. Mr. Harcrow received notification from the Georgia Department of Transportation that this area was deeded to Heard County when U.S. Highway 27 was relocated therefore, Heard County would need to abandon this property not the State of Georgia. On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the abandonment procedure.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session** - Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board entered into Executive Session. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board returned to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that pending litigation was discussed in Executive Session.

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