

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 24, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on May 24, 2011 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 Jacob Cammon, 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. Miss Gracie Rowe gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from May 10, 2011 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda - Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to New Business to include “g – Discuss Changing Commissioner Meeting Dates”. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments - Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public comments. There were no public comments.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Approve Pay Request for Glover Road

Gymnasium Renovations – Mr. Kevin Hamby - Mr. Kevin Hamby presented pay request # 5 from Earley Construction on the Glover Road Gymnasium Renovations in the amount of \$7,536.70. Mr. Hamby stated that the gym was recently broken into and a

basketball backboard was shattered. He stated that a security system was going to be installed in the near future. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to approve this request and for this invoice to be paid from insurance proceeds received that are in the general fund account.

b. Approve Pay Request for Dugout Roof Additions – Mr. Kevin Hamby –
Postponed.

c. Discuss Yates Lane – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director stated that he has the right of way deeds signed by the property owners on Yates Lane and he will be submitting them to the county attorney. He stated that the memorandum of understanding between Carroll County and Heard County is also being reviewed by the county attorney. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that she would be speaking with Carroll County regarding the memorandum of understanding and would bring it back to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Wiggins stated that Carroll County is anticipating starting this project in late summer.

d. Discuss Retaining Wall at Torchbearers Park – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director – Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director reported that the retaining wall at Torchbearers Park has been completed. He asked the Board to approve payment to Heard County Poured Foundations in the amount of \$11,700.00. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this invoice. Mr. Wiggins also stated that he had two quotes on fencing around the top of the wall. The quotes are as follows:

West Georgia Custom Fence –	4' galvanized fence - \$1,796.00
	4' black vinyl coated fence - \$2,146.00

Statewide Fence Company - 4' galvanized fence - \$1,150.00

4' black vinyl coated fence - \$1,342.50

On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved accepting the bid from Statewide Fence Company for \$1,342.50.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss SPLOST Intergovernmental

Agreement – Mr. Kevin Hamby – Postponed.

b. Discuss Request from EMA – Chief Scott Blue – Postponed.

c. Discuss Request from Heard County Sheriff's Office – Capt. Jane Olinger – Postponed.

d. Discuss Group Health Insurance for County Employees – Commission Chair

Jackson stated that recently the county employee's group health insurance was put out to bid. She stated that the current insurance carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield was proposing an 11% increase to the county premiums. She stated that Aetna Insurance Company has proposed a 21% reduction for a savings of approximately \$356,000.00. She stated that the group life insurance would also be changing from Greater Georgia Life to Lincoln Financial for a savings of \$3,100.00. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved Aetna and Lincoln Financial.

e. Discuss Appointment to the Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority -

Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Heard County Development Authority has asked the Board to appoint a member to the Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority. The Development Authority would like to request the Board appoint Mr. Morris Long to serve after the resignation of Mr. Terry Harper. On motion (Allen) and

second (Crook), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve this request. Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Cammon and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

f. Discuss Contract with Municipal Communications – Commission Chair Jackson stated that in a recent work session with Mr. Brantley Basinger with Municipal Communications LLC, the Board discussed allowing Municipal Communications to place cell towers on county property. She explained that the county attorney is reviewing the contract and the Board would need to approve the contract and for the Commission Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

g. Discuss Changing Commissioner Meeting Dates – Commissioner Allen stated that the Board currently asked each department to cut 3% out of their budgets. She stated she felt the Board should also do their part by cutting their budget to one meeting a month. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to change the commissioner meeting dates to one meeting a month and to make that meeting the 4th Tuesday of each month starting July 26, 2011.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None.

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