

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 27, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on July 27, 2010 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. Johnny Kistler gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentations – a. Mr. Reuben H. Poole – Postponed.

b. Mr. Thomas Awbrey – Postponed.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from July 13, 2010 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments – Mr. Johnny Kistler, resident on Gamble Road, complimented the Board on the new crack sealing machine recently purchased. Mr. James Johnson, of 481 Whitlock Road, asked Commission Chair Jackson who was in charge of the day to day operations of the County. She stated she was and if he ever had any questions or issues, to feel free to stop by her office anytime. Commissioner Isenhower read a prepared speech regarding responsibility of the Board. Ms. Amber Lloyd, 171 Cypress Road made statements regarding accountability.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “d” – Discuss Old Recreation Department. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Discuss Quotes for Dugout Roof Modifications

for Sports Complex – Mr. Kevin Hamby explained that we only received two quotes on this project after advertising for almost three months. He asked the Board what the Board would like to do, re-advertise and re-quote or open the two bids received. After some discussion, it was decided that this project would be re-advertised and three quotes must be received before a decision can be made. All agreed.

b. Discuss Audit on Sports Complex – Commissioner Isenhower – Commissioner

Isenhower stated in light of all the problems discovered on this project, she would like to have an audit done on the County's contract with Clough Harbour and the Sports Complex. Commissioner Boone asked Commissioner Isenhower how many pay requests did she approve on this project. He stated that each and every pay request was voted on in open session. Mr. Hamby stated that this project was awarded and constructed with the appropriate procurement laws during the entire process. He explained that the project was a composite of several expenditures. Commissioner Boone stated that the entire project did not go over budget.

c. Discuss Private Roads Grant – Commissioner Jackson stated that this item was

postponed from the last meeting until Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins and Engineer; Danny Johnson with Hayes, James & Associates could be here. Commissioner Isenhower stated that she received a copy of the Southeastern Site Development contract but it was not a complete contract. She stated the general conditions of the contract were missing. Commission Chair Jackson stated that she gave Commissioner Isenhower the entire contract and was not aware of anything that was missing from the document.

d. Discuss Old Recreation Department – Mr. Hamby explained that after meeting with Ms. Dinah Rowe of the Heard County 4-H Extension office, he discovered that she is a State of Georgia employee. He stated that in order to relocate a State employee to a building, the building’s plans must be reviewed and approved by the State Fire Marshal Office. He stated that this would be much more expensive than to put the building back as it was. He also stated that the 4-H office could still use the facility but they could not have a permanent office in the building. After further discussion, the Board asked Mr. Hamby to proceed with a request for proposal on remodeling this facility as a county facility under the recreation department.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Approve Millage Rate Resolution for 2010-2011 – Commission Chair Jackson presented a resolution to the Board to set the millage rate for fiscal year 2010-2011. She read the resolution into the minutes (attached) and asked for the Board’s approval. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously agreed to sign the resolution setting the millage rate the same as last year, 6.94 mills countywide.

b. Discuss Certificate of Deposit Renewal – Felicia Adams, Finance Director – Finance Director, Felicia Adams presented to the Board four options on renewing a 12 month certificate of deposit that renews on July 29, 2010 for \$1,118,043.42. The options were as follows:

- B B & T Bank - .24% interest rate
- Bank of North GA - .50% interest rate
- Regions Bank - .45% interest rate
- Georgia Fund One - .21% interest rate

She explained that under any of these options the money would be collateralized at 110% as allowed under federal regulations. Mrs. Adams made a recommendation to accept the proposal from Bank of North Georgia at .50% interest rate. Commissioner Caldwell wanted to clarify that the money is guaranteed. Mrs. Adams stated, yes the money is collateralized at 110%.

On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved renewing the certificate of deposit with Bank of North Georgia at .50% interest rate.

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