

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on September 27, 2012 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 Jeff Todd. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Guest, Miss Gracie Rowe gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from August 23, 2012 as presented. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from September 6, 2012. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved the Executive Session minutes from August 23, 2012 as presented by County Attorney Jeff Todd.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda –Commissioner Isenhower asked to amend New Business to include a discussion of current county credit card statements. Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board to please postpone this request until the October 11, 2012 work session. All agreed. Commissioner Isenhower made a motion to amend New Business to include a discussion about the returning of a television won at a county Christmas dinner in 2009. There being no second, the motion died on the table.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments – Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public

comments. Mr. Paul King, resident of Heard County, commented on Agenda Item # 7 regarding Heard County Water Authority SPLOST.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss Employee Compensation – Commission Chair Jackson recommended to give all County employees a one-time supplement of \$400.00, in December, and to use some of the interest on the County’s \$1,000,000 certificate of deposit to pay this supplement. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to give a \$200.00 supplement to each county employee in lieu of a pay increase and to not purchase Christmas hams this year and to pay the supplement from the contingency line item in the budget. Allen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Heard County Water Authority SPLOST – Commission Chair Jackson stated that SPLOST revenues are down approximately 15.2%. She stated that the County as well as the cities has taken substantial hits from the revenues being down. She then stated that the decision on the table is whether or not to decrease the Heard County Water Authority’s SPLOST allocations by that same amount. Executive Director of the Water Authority, Mr. Jimmy Knight stated that the Water Authority Board discussed this in their September meeting and did understand the need for them to take a decrease. He stated that the Water Authority Board did not want to break their good will with the County and currently the Water Authority does not owe any money to anyone and have not overextended their budget. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved cutting the Water Authority’s SPLOST revenues by 15.2%.

b. Discuss Request from Murray Barnes Finister LLP Regarding Heard County Sales Tax – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Murray Barnes Finister LLP was

currently invoicing the County for professional services rendered as Bond Counsel in connection with the Heard County Continuation of SPLOST in the amount of \$12,566.72. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved for County Attorney, Jeff Todd to discuss this invoice with Murray Barnes Finister before a decision is made.

c. Discuss Request from City of Franklin for Fire Code Inspection Services –

Commission Chair Jackson stated that the City of Franklin has requested that the Board approve an intergovernmental agreement with them for fire code inspections in the City of Franklin. After some discussion, this item was postponed until the current LOST negotiations are complete between the City and the County.

d. Discuss Requested Changes to Heard County Parks and Recreation Facility Lease

Agreement – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Heard County Recreation Board is recommending to the Board to amend their current facility lease agreement. Interim Recreation Director, Chad Brown, presented the recommended changes to the Board explaining that in the new agreement, the Parks and Recreation Department will receive \$150.00 per field, which is an increase of \$50.00; 20% of the gate proceeds, if the lessee charges an admission; and a \$50.00 trash deposit. Mr. Brown also stated the gymnasium will no longer be rented for entertainment purposes such as parties, concerts, etc, and could only be used for recreation and sports. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

e. Discuss Rescheduling November and December Commission Meetings – Due to the upcoming holidays, Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board to consider rescheduling the November and December Commission Meetings. She suggested moving

the November meeting from November 22 to November 29 at 6:30 p.m. and the December meeting from December 27 to December 20 at 6:30 p.m. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

f. Discuss Changes to Heard County Personnel Policy Regarding Bank Time –

Commission Chair Jackson stated that in a previous board work session, the Board discussed placing a cap on banked personal time and changes to current personal time. She explained that the Board discussed capping an employees bank time at 240 hours effective January 1, 2013. This is not for employees who currently have in excess of 240 hours in the bank. They also discussed approving a 50% payout for 2012, for any unused personal time in excess of what you have the ability to bank by December 31, 2012. The Board asked Mr. Todd to put these two policies in writing and bring back to the Board at a work session scheduled for October 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to have all pay outs, regardless of the amount, come in before the Board for approval. Commissioner Cammon seconded and the Board unanimously approved this request.

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