

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

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on September 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. Jimmy Knight gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from August 25, 2009 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments – Mr. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director of the Heard County Water Authority thanked the Board for the cooperation between them and the Water Authority Board. Mr. Johnny Kistler complimented the road crew on their bush hogging in the County. He stated that the sides of the roads in his area looked great.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Boone asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “c” Discuss SPLOST road projects. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Update on Heard County Sports Complex –

David Julien, Recreation Director – David Julien reported that the wiring for the scoreboards has been installed and he is now waiting on Coca-Cola to install the scoreboards. He also reported that the ice machines are in and are working. He reported that there are approximately 200 kids in the recreation department football program this year.

b. Discuss Request from Coweta Festivals – Jerry Ann Conner, County Attorney –

Jerry Ann Conner reported that if the County wishes to allow Coweta Festivals to serve beer and wine they can allow this through special permitting. If the County wishes to allow them to serve distilled beverages, that would have to be placed on a referendum for the citizens of Heard County to vote on. She stated that this could be done in several different ways. There could be an amendment to the business license to allow for a special event permit to be issued or an amendment to the current alcohol ordinance to allow caterers to serve beer and wine at special events or the Board could allow for a special hybrid zoning section to allow for the sale of beer and wine in this special zoning area. Commissioner Boone expressed his concerns that Heard County would not be able to control what types of events are allowed at the facility. Commissioner Caldwell expressed his concerns that if the County allows Coweta Festivals to serve beer and wine that this would be applicable to other sites in Heard County also. After further discussion, on motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted against allowing Coweta Festivals to serve beer and wine.

c. Discuss Road SPLOST Projects – Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director stated that on August 11, 2009 the Board voted to resurface 10 miles of County roads with SPLOST money. He explained that the County has received some LARP funds that will assist with this paving project. He stated that the LARP funds will pay for the majority of Joe Stephens Road and all of Riverview Drive. The SPLOST funds will complete the remainder of Joe Stephens Road and Simpson Road. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously agreed to this recommendation. Mr. Wiggins also stated since the paving project bids were \$150,000 under budget, he would like to use this money to pave Hollingsworth Ferry Road

from Glenloch to Plant Wansley. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board voted 4 to 1 to pave Hollingsworth Ferry Road, beginning at Glenloch Road and continuing as far as possible with spending the \$150,000. Commissioner Isenhower, Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Crook voted against the motion stating that he would like to see the \$150,000 put in the bank.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Approve Walk Georgia Proclamation – Ms. Michelle Lewis, Family and Consumer Sciences Educator with the Heard County Cooperative Extension Office asked the Board to approve a proclamation proclaiming September, 2009 as Heard County Walk Georgia Month. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None

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