

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney and District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond were absent. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Hooks gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation of Service Awards** – Chairman Boone and the Board presented a service award plaque to Mrs. Darlene Shoemake and Mr. Jeff Whoric for 25 years of continuous service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Mrs. Shoemake and Mr. Whoric for their loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from August 23, 2016. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from September 8, 2016.

**Agenda Item # 5 - Amend Agenda-** Chairman Boone asked to add to New Business; c – Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Heard County Community Partnership (HCCP) and to add Invited Guests before New Business to the agenda. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Invited Guests – Mrs. Renai Brock, President – Heard County Chamber of**

**Commerce** – Chairman Boone introduced Mrs. Renai Brock as the new Heard County Chamber of Commerce President. Mrs. Brock introduced herself to the Board and stated she was looking forward to working with everyone in Heard County.

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business - a. Approve Contract for New Administration**

**Building – Kevin Hamby, Project Manager** – Mr. Hamby stated that five request for proposals were received for the construction of the new administration building. He stated that after the scoring committee reviewed each proposal, B M & K Construction from Braselton, Georgia received the highest score and the lowest price of \$1,870,000.00. He stated that the committee would like to recommend accepting this proposal. He stated if awarded, B M & K would be able to start construction within 30 days. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved the proposal from B M & K Construction at the price of \$1,870,000.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds.

**b. Discuss Ordinance on Excise Tax on Sale, Use, Storage, or Consumption of**

**Energy** – Chairman Boone stated that in 2013 the State of Georgia waived excise tax on new manufacturing businesses. Heard County also chose to waive this tax at that time. Since 2013 our sales tax has decreased approximately 32.33%. He stated that he would like for the Board to reconsider supporting this tax. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that this is a process that would start with the County and the cities meeting to discuss. Chairman Boone asked the Board to give him permission to initiate the process with the cities. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously voted for Chairman Boone to proceed. Chairman Boone stated he would be sending a letter to each city and the Development Authority.

**c. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Heard County**

**Community Partnership (HCCP)** – Chairman Boone introduced Mrs. Angela Denham as the new Executive Director of the Heard County Community Partnership (HCCP). He stated that the County has been serving as the fiscal agent for the partnership for several years but there was no memorandum of understanding (MOU), in place. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that this agreement should actually be a tri-party agreement between Heard County, HCCP and Mrs. Denham. She presented the agreement to the Board (see attached). On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved the MOU and gave Chairman Boone permission to sign the agreement on behalf of Heard County.

**Agenda Item # 7– Old Business – a. Discuss Liquor Referendum** – Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Bob Patel had recently asked the Board to consider endorsing the placement of a referendum for package sales of liquor in Heard County. He stated that after inquiring into this, this could not be put on the ballot until 2018. No action is required at this time.

**Agenda Item # 8 - Public Comments** – None.

**Agenda Item # 9 - Executive Session** - None.

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

Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Patricia A. Giles  
County Clerk

Lee Boone  
Chairman

Date 10/25/14