

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 27, 2015 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 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Chairman Boone gave the invocation and then extended a special welcome to the three new commissioners.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation of Proclamation For Georgia Day – Mrs. Carla Brown asked the Board to proclaim February 12, 2015 as Georgia Day in honor of our State’s 282nd anniversary. Chairman Boone read the proclamation into the minutes. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the proclamation.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from December 18, 2014 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Appoint Vice-Chairman for 2015 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Commissioner Caldwell as Vice-Chairman for 2015.

b. Appoint County Clerk for 2015 – Chairman Boone recommended appointing Patty Jiles as County Clerk for 2015. On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

c. Appoint County Attorney for 2015 – Chairman Boone recommended appointing Jerry Ann Conner as County Attorney for 2015. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

d. Appoint County Auditor for 2015 - Chairman Boone recommended appointing Mr. Kim Kimmel as County Auditor for 2015. Chairman Boone stated that Mrs. Felicia Adams, Finance Director recently spoke with Mr. Kimmel who did ask for a \$1,500.00 increase in his fees from last year for a total rate of \$22,500.00. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

e. Set Meeting, Date, Time and Place for 2015 Commissioners Meetings – On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted for the commissioner meetings to change to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse for 2015.

f. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Planning Commission – Chairman Boone stated there is an open position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Danny Smith term will expire on January 31, 2015 and he no longer lives in Heard County and therefore is not eligible to be re-appointed to this Board. Commissioner Hooks asked if this could be postponed until the next meeting to allow him more time to speak with another Heard County resident about taking this position. All agreed.

g. Approve Title VI Plan for Heard County Transit – Chairman Boone explained that Heard County must have a Title VI Plan approved in order for Heard County Transit to continue to receive their federal and state funding. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated she had reviewed the plan and it was in order. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

h. Discuss Road Projects – Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director – Public Works

Director, Darold Wiggins made a presentation to the Board to discuss the process he uses to determine which corrective action is to be taken on what road at the correct time. He presented detailed data showing an increase in road department productivity while at the same time showing a decrease in expenditures. Chairman Boone stated that he and Mr. Wiggins have discussed this process and how it works and he feels as if the process allows the road department to be much more productive now. Mr. Wiggins clarified for Commissioner Adams that there is more work to be done on Victory Road. Commissioner Denney asked Mr. Wiggins for a list of roads that will be worked on in 2015.

i. Request from Terri Thomaston, Knight Road – Mrs. Terri Thomaston a resident on Knight Road addressed the Board regarding a text amendment to the Zoning ordinance to allow her to build a ¼ mile go cart tract on 3 acres on Knight Road. She explained that this track would support 5 hp go carts only. After much discussion, on motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to refer this request to the Planning Commission.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mr. Mac Walter, resident at 147 Abner Road asked the Board if the road department could look at re-directing rain water away from his house.

Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins stated he would look into this for Mr. Walter.

Mr. Gerald Harjo, resident at 933 Mahaley Road reported that a drain is stopped up at Mahaley Road at the church. Mr. Wiggins stated he did look at that issue already and the road department was preparing to repair this problem.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for January 27, 2015

Patty A. Jiles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 2-24-15