

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 24, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 24, 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. Commissioner Hooks gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Invited Guests – Kathy Knowles, Heard County Community Partnership – Mrs. Knowles was unable to attend and asked that she be rescheduled for the April meeting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from February 24, 2015 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Boone asked to amend New Business to include item “f” – Discuss Purchase of Milling Machine. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond) the Board unanimously voted to amend New Business item “b” – to include a Discussion of RFP for Admin Building. On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell) the Board unanimously voted to amend New Business item “c” – to include a Discuss Appointment to Arena Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Discuss Bids for Paving Projects – Surface Treatment Multiple Roads; Asphalt Resurfacing Multiple Roads – Mr. Darold Wiggins –

Mr. Wiggins stated that three bids were received for the surface treatment of multiple roads.

The bids were as follows:

Stratton & Sons Construction, Inc. - \$443,274.65

Middle Georgia Paving, Inc. - \$388,322.70

Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. - \$406,579.15

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the low bid from Middle Georgia Paving, Inc. at \$388,322.70. Mr. Wiggins stated that he did speak to Middle Georgia last week and that Heard County would have an inspector on site during this project. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation and for this project to be paid with SPLOST funds.

Mr. Wiggins stated that two bids were received for the asphalt resurfacing of multiple roads.

The bids were as follows:

C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. - \$342,082.85

E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. - \$319,637.20

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the low bid from E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. at \$319,637.20. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation and for this project to be paid with SPLOST funds.

b. Discuss Request for Proposal for Design Services for Courthouse Roof Replacement & Amendment Regarding Request for Proposal on an Admin Building – Chairman Boone stated that he would like to issue a request for proposal for the design services for a new roof on the courthouse. He explained that there is money in SPLOST to go ahead and pay for a new roof for the courthouse but that design services need to be done first to determine what kind of roof needs to be on the building. He explained that in this design service proposal there will

also be a space allocation study done for the purposes of issuing a request for proposal on a new administrative building. He asked the Board for approval to do both request for proposals. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the request for an RFP on the courthouse roof. On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the request for an RFP on a new administrative building after the space allocation study is complete.

c. Update on Barn/Stalls at Heard County Arena – Chairman Boone stated that the previous Board authorized him to go ahead with plans to build a barn with stalls and install RV hook-ups at the Heard County Arena. He stated that he recently began working on this project and would like to go ahead and put out a bid for a 30 stall barn and 30 RV hook-ups. He stated that he would like to bid the barn out first then pursue the bids on the electrical and water next. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Chairman Boone also recommended appointing Commissioner Hammond to an arena advisory committee to do research about this arena project. Commissioner Adams stated that he felt it would be a good idea to include citizen input on this committee also. All agreed.

d. Discuss Road Closure – Commissioner Joe Adams – Commissioner Adams stated that he recently had a request to close a public road named Evans Drive of Georgia Highway 34W. Mrs. Norma Golden who owns property at 165 Evans Drive, Franklin, Georgia stated that she owns the property on both sides from end to end. She stated that the property is currently leased as a hunting club. She also stated that she has had problems with the property becoming a dumping spot. She stated her family would be willing to put up a gate on both ends of the road if it is closed. After further discussion, on motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved moving forward with the procedures to close Evans Road.

e. Discuss Appointments to Heard County Library Board – Chairman Boone stated that there are two appointments on the Heard County Library Board that need to be filled. One appointment is held by Mr. Donald Denney who is not eligible to be reappointed to this committee and the other appointment is held by Mrs. Beth Hammond who would like to be reappointed. Chairman Boone stated that Mrs. Barbie Crockett recently approached him about being appointed to this board to replace Mr. Denney. On motion (Denney) and second (Caldwell), the Board voted 4 to 1 to reappoint Mrs. Hammond to this Board. Commissioner Hooks, Commissioner Denney, Commissioner Caldwell, and Commissioner Adams voted for this motion. Commissioner Hammond abstained. On motion (Denney) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to appoint Mrs. Barbie Crockett to this Board.

f. Discuss Purchase of Milling Machine – Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins presented a quote to the Board to purchase a milling machine that he has been renting for the past month. He stated that the purchase price of a new milling machine would be \$130,000.00 but if he purchases the one he currently is renting, that only has 100 hours of usage on it; he can purchase it for \$65,000.00. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a RH48200 Roadhog Milling Machine from Flint Equipment Company at the purchase price of \$65,000.00 to be paid with SPLOST funds.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mr. Scotty Proctor, 4787 Victory Road commented on the purchase of the milling machine, the arena, road repaving projects and trash convenience centers.

Chairman Caldwell stated he had had several calls from citizens regarding the recent article on the Heard Citizen.com website that was written by former Heard County Water Authority Executive Director, Jimmy Knight. He stated that he did not appreciate the following comment made by Mr. Knight:

“My biggest disappointment during my time with HCWA was my inability to convince the Heard County Commission of the importance of a dependable water supply (reservoir). I wish we could have obtained SPLOST funds to complete a much-needed reservoir.”

Commissioner Caldwell stated that he would like for the record to show that Mr. Knight did not come before the Board of Commissioners with any plans or design on SPLOST projects, such as a reservoir. Chairman Boone and Commissioner Caldwell also stated that the Board of Commissioners has not been informed as to what the Water Authority was doing with their SPLOST money or what they needed SPLOST money for. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that she would speak with the Interim Water Authority Director, Mr. Charles Pearce about the Board’s desire for an update from the Water Authority.

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 March 24, 2015

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Leo Boone
Chairman

Date: 4-28-15