

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 28, 2013 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 Jacob Cammon, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Allen gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda** – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to add Item f. – Approve National Donate Life Proclamation. Commissioner Allen asked for an amendment to New Business to add Item g. – Discuss Advantage Tactical and Item h. – Discuss Brush Creek Park. On motion (Hooks) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Approve Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit’s DOT 5311 Program** – Chairman Boone presented the Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit’s DOT 5311 Program. He stated there are no changes to this program and asked the Board to approve this resolution and authorize him to sign the resolution as Heard County’s representative. He stated that County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner did review this contract. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve this resolution and give Chairman Boone permission to sign on behalf of Heard County.

**b. Approve Resolution for Activating and Appointing Members to the West Central Georgia Broadband Joint Development Authority** – Mr. Lanier Boatwright of Three Rivers Regional Commission asked the Board to approve activating and appointing members to the West Central Georgia Broadband Authority. He stated that four counties, Heard, Troup, Meriwether and Upson counties were jointly forming this Authority to manage the West Central Georgia Broadband project that is currently underway. He explained that this Authority would be receiving a \$1 million grant from the Department of Community Affairs to help fund this project. He explained that there is a \$50,000 match that comes from among the four counties collectively and that the contractor on this project will be responsible for this match. He stated that if the contractor for some reason does not provide this match money, the Heard County Development Authority will provide Heard County's portion of \$12,500. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**c. Discuss Appointments to Heard County Hospital Authority** – Chairman Boone stated that recently Mrs. Diann Adams of the Heard County Health Department contacted him regarding two appointments that will be coming up on the Hospital Authority Board. She explained to him that the Hospital Authority by-laws state that the Board of Commissioners present a list of three possible candidates for each position, a total of six for the two appointments, for the remainder of the Hospital Authority Board to choose from. He stated that he would like to verify with Mrs. Adams that the list she provided is a current list before any recommendations are made. Commissioner Crook stated that he would like to hear from the Hospital Authority on exactly what their role is and what they currently have going on. Chairman Boone stated he would discuss this request with Mrs. Adams.

**d. Discuss Property Management Forms** – Chairman Boone presented to the Board the new property management reports the County will begin using. He explained that each County employee who is issued County equipment will need to complete and sign this form.

**e. Approve Recreation Property Destruction** – Chairman Boone stated that the Recreation Director, Kathy Scott recently sent 86 football helmets to be refurbished and was told they were outdated and did not meet current safety regulations and therefore cannot be used. She asked the Board for permission to destroy the helmets. After some discussion, the Board requested that Ms. Scott have the helmets made unusable before being thrown away. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**f. Approve National Donate Life Month Proclamation** – Chairman Boone stated he was recently asked by LifeLink of Georgia to proclaim April as National Donate Life Month in Heard County. Chairman Boone read the proclamation and on motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**g. Discuss Advantage Tactical Company** – Commissioner Allen expressed her concerns about an event advertised in the local papers that is to be held at the Heard County Arena on Saturday, April 13, 2013. She stated that the advertisements for this event, implies that there will be an open firing range, gun sales, and demonstrations with firearms. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that she did speak with Mr. Jim Peterson the Operating Manager with Advantage Tactical Company and made him aware that proper zoning for this business is not currently in place in the Heard County Zoning Ordinance. She stated that she has not talked to him after the ad was put in the paper for the event. Chairman Boone stated that the Coweta Tea Party put the ad in the paper and the event was to raise awareness of the Second Amendment rights. After much discussion, it was decided that County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner would

issue a letter to Mr. Peterson stating that he cannot do any firing at this event per his business license. Chairman Boone stated he would also speak with Mr. Peterson himself about this and hand deliver the letter to him.

**H. – Discuss Brush Creek Park** – Commissioner Allen asked Chairman Boone if he could give a report of the work being done at Brush Creek Park. Chairman Boone stated that after he personally inspected Brush Creek Park he found the overall condition of the park was deplorable and had several electrical issues. He contacted Hannah Electric from Carrollton to do an electrical inspection at the park and submit a bid. They found many safety issues and potential shock hazards existed consisting of exposed wires and no lighting in the bathrooms. Also, the current electrical and was outdated and need to be brought up to current code in order to be in compliance. He stated that based on Hannah’s inspection, he felt the safety issues were a liability for the County and needed to be corrected immediately or the park would need to be closed. He stated that Hannah Electric quoted approximately \$12,000 for all the work to be done. He did authorize Hannah Electric to begin work immediately due to the safety issues that were apparent. Commissioner Allen expressed her concern that a project of this size and cost should have been discussed by the entire Board and the work bid out before Chairman Boone authorized the work to be done. Commissioner Caldwell expressed his concerns that the park manager at Brush Creek Park did not come before the Board and let them know the problems at the park before now. Commissioner Crook agreed and asked Chairman Boone to notify the Board of these type things in the future before the work is done.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Approve Extending Morgue Contract with Coweta County** – County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated that Coweta County would like to extend their morgue contract with Heard County through December 31, 2013 to allow Coweta County

time to complete their morgue. She stated that Heard County Coroner Kathie Buchanan was in agreement with this extension. On motion (Hooks) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**b. Approve Amendments to Heard County Ordinances** – County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner presented an ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Zoning of the Heard County Zoning Ordinance to include the Watershed Protection Overlay Districts that were adopted and approved in 2004. She stated that this ordinance was inadvertently left out of the original codification. She also presented an ordinance to amend Chapter 34, Roads and Bridges to include regulating forest product harvesting activity and an ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Regulating Solid Waste to include the trash permit requirements for residents of Heard County. She stated that these ordinances were also inadvertently left out of the original codification. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments** – Miss Gracie Rowe, resident of Heard County thanked the Board for the opportunity to report the County Commission meetings for the last four years and told the Board that this experience had greatly influenced her decision to pursue a career in journalism.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session** – None.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for March 28, 2013

Patty A. Jiles  
County Clerk

Lee Boone  
Chairman

Date: 4-25-13