

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 22, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on May 22, 2014 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 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 2 Commissioner Jacob Cammon was absent due to sickness. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Chairman Boone gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2014 meeting as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Caldwell asked for an amendment to Old Business to include Item a. – Discuss Fire Hydrants. Commissioner Allen asked for an amendment to Old Business to include Item b. – Discuss Appointment to Heard County Library Board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved these requests.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Confirm Purchase of Ladder Truck – On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the SPLOST purchase of a ladder truck at the total cost of \$12,362.50 purchased through another government agency in South Carolina.

b. Confirm Purchase of Rescue Truck – On motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the SPLOST purchase of a rescue truck at the total cost of \$11,250.00 purchased through another government agency in Tennessee.

c. Approve Quote for HVAC for Glover Road Gymnasium – Chairman Boone stated that a new HVAC unit was discussed in the SPLOST retreat in 2012 for the 4-H / Glover Road gymnasium. Heard County is currently contracted with First Degree Heating and Air and they have provided the Board with two quotes for this unit; one quote of \$19,901.65 with Heard County providing the electrical work and one quote of \$21,901.65 with First Degree providing the electrical work. Mrs. Dinah Rowe, Heard County 4-H/Extension Agent stated that the temperature in this facility is unbearable in the summer and that she is unable to hold events or rent out the facility due to the temperature. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve the purchase of the new HVAC unit from First Degree Heating and Air at the cost of \$21,901.65 which includes First Degree providing the electrical work and for Heard County Building Inspector, Floyd Toney, to inspect the installation and electrical work of these units.

d. Appointments to Heard County Board of Family and Children Services (DFACS)

On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Fred Harcrow to the Heard County Board of Family and Children Services (DFACS).

e. Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Nixon to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors to fill the fifth position on this Board that has been vacant since 2012. He stated that Mr. Nixon is aware of the education requirements and is willing to serve on this Board. Mr. Nixon was present to confirm that he is willing to serve and can meet the education requirements. Commissioner Crook seconded the motion. Commissioner Hooks asked if

the Board of Tax Assessors was going to remain a five member board and was it designed that way for each district to have a representative on this board because the fifth position was held by a representative of District 1 in 2012. He stated he had no problem with Mr. Nixon on this Board but he would like for the next nomination to be a representative of District 1. All agreed. The Board then unanimously approved appointing Mr. Nixon to this Board.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss Fire Hydrants – Commissioner Caldwell asked Chairman Boone for an update on the fire hydrant repairs needed throughout the county. Chairman Boone stated that he did speak with the Water Authority’s Executive Director, Jimmy Knight regarding the hydrants. Mr. Knight relayed to Chairman Boone that the Water Authority and the County have great communication now with each other and if one of the County tractors does hit a fire hydrant, they are immediately notified by the Public Works Director and made aware of the situation. He stated in the past the Water Authority may not have been notified in a timely manner. Mr. Knight also stated that they do not have the resources to repair the damaged hydrants immediately. He stated sometimes it does require a major shutdown of the water mains to repair the hydrants. Mr. Knight also stated that if the Water Authority had the resources, they would contract out all the hydrant repairs throughout the County. Commissioner Caldwell stated that he felt that Heard County should be maintaining the fire hydrants within the County such as cutting the grass regularly around them. He stated the public works department needs to be able to see the hydrants so they can avoid hitting them with the tractors. Commissioner Crook stated that he feels that all the broken hydrants need to be repaired throughout the County. After further discussion, on motion (Caldwell) and second

(Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to reinstate the fire hydrant maintenance program through Heard County EMA and for Chairman Boone to discuss this with Chief Wirth.

b. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Library Board – On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously appointed Mrs. Shirley Craven to the Heard County Library Board. Commissioner Allen stated that her recent appointment, Ms. Martha Kilgore, will not be able to serve on the library board due to her work schedule and Mrs. Craven will be replacing Ms. Kilgore.

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments – Mr. Jerry Nixon, a resident on Antioch Road stated that he would like to see the fire hydrants better maintained throughout the County.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for May 22, 2014

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 6-12-14