

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 23, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on May 23, 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. Mr. Randy Chestnut, a resident of Heard County, gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from April 25, 2013 as presented. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from May 6, 2013 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Invited Guests – Ms. Kathy Knowles, President of the Heard County Chamber of Commerce thanked the Board for all the work they do for Heard County. She asked the Board if the County would provide the vans and drivers from Heard County Transit for the July 4th celebration this year. She stated that the Chamber would pay the transit drivers if the County would provide the vans. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to include – Item c. – Confirm Property Purchase of Old Bus Barn. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this amendment.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Approve Bid on Tractor for Recreation Department

Chairman Boone presented three bids on a new tractor for the recreation department. The bids were as follows:

SunSouth LLC, Carrollton, Georgia John Deere 3032E Compact Utility Tractor with 305 Loader	\$16,000.00
Bearden’s Trailer & Farm Equipment, Carrollton, Georgia Kubota L3200 DT Tractor with LA524 Loader	\$16,083.62
Georgia Deer Farm & Agri-Center, Roopville, Georgia Massey Ferguson Model 1533L Tractor with Bucket	\$17,290.00

Chairman Boone stated that the recreation department is currently using a 1998 Massey Ferguson 243 tractor that has numerous hours on the tractor and brake issues. He stated the recreation department does not have a specific recommendation on a brand of tractor; they just need a small compact tractor. After some discussion, on motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously accepted the low bid from SunSouth LLC at \$16,000.00 to be purchased with SPLOST monies.

b. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Family and Children Services

(DFACS) – Chairman Boone stated he recently received a letter from Ms. Charlene Harrod, Director of Heard County Department of Family and Children Services stating that the term for Mrs. Liddia Rogers, who is a member of the Heard County Board of Family and Children Services, will expire on June 30, 2013. Commissioner Caldwell stated that he would like to recommend Mrs. Debbie Rogers for this position. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Cammon), the unanimously approved this recommendation.

c. Confirm Property Purchase of Old Bus Barn – Chairman Boone stated that Heard County recently bid on the old bus barn owned by the Heard County Board of Education. He stated that Heard County was awarded this bid of \$65,000.00 by the Board of Education and would need

to vote to accept this award. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to accept this award. County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated that this property would be closing in a few weeks.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Discuss Request from Community Action for

Improvement (CAFI) – Mr. Jerome Anderson, Executive Director- CAFI – Mr. Jerome

Anderson, Executive Director with Community Action for Improvement spoke to the Board regarding CAFI's request for \$2,500.00 for utility assistance for Heard County residents. He explained that these funds do help Heard County residents and these funds are treated the same as the funds for Carroll, Coweta and Troup counties. He explained that CAFI has separate funds for separate programs and that monies cannot be co-mingled. He stated he wanted to make it clear to the Board that these funds are used to help Heard County residents. Chairman Boone thanked Mr. Anderson for coming to speak to the Board. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Allen asked the Board to continue the discussion of the request from CAFI. Chairman Boone stated he felt that since this was not a budgeted item it could possibly be brought back for discussion at a later date.

b. Approve Purchase of Mower for Recreation Department – Chairman Boone stated that the Board discussed the purchase of a lawn mower for the recreation department in an earlier work session after this decision was postponed from the April, 2013 meeting. The bids discussed were as follows:

SunSouth, LLC, Carrollton, Georgia John Deere 997 Commercial 72 inch Side Discharge	\$13,000.00
Georgia Deer Farm, Roopville, Georgia Ferris Model IS5100 72 inch mower	\$15,900.00
Georgia Deer Farm, Roopville, Georgia Grasshopper Model 430 72 inch mower	\$11,700.00
Dudley's Outdoors, LaGrange, Georgia Exmark Diesel 72 inch Zero Turn mower	\$13,919.20
Dudley's Outdoors, LaGrange, Georgia Hustler Diesel 72 inch zero turn mower	\$11,829.30
Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, Atlanta, Georgia Kubota Diesel with 72 inch Turbo Force deck	\$13,189.20

After all bids were reviewed and discussed, on motion (Cammon) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously accepted the bid from SunSouth, LLC at \$13,000.00 to be paid with SPLOST funds.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Karen Isenhower, resident of Ferry Road, Franklin commented on the bush hog crew that has been bush hogging on Ferry Road.

Agenda Item # 9 – 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 May 23, 2013

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 6-13-13