

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on February 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Commission Chair June Jackson, District 1 Commissioner Karen Isenhower, District 2 Commissioner Jacob Cammon, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 4 Commissioner Frank Crook was absent. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Chief Scott Blue gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Invited Guests – Carl Meliar and Amy Weaver, Georgia Forestry

Commission – Mr. Carl Meliar and Ms. Amy Weaver with the Georgia Forestry Commission addressed the Board regarding the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Heard County. Mr. Meliar asked the Board to adopt and sign this plan. Chief Scott Blue stated that he had already talked with Georgia Forestry regarding this plan and it would be a great tool to assist the county with their hazard mitigation plan. He also stated that by adopting this plan Heard County would also be eligible for grant money in the event that Heard County was declared to be in a state of emergency due to wildfires. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this plan.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from January 25, 2011 as presented. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to re-approve the minutes from September 28, 2010 with corrections.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Public Comments – Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public comments. Mr. Russ Massa, 115 Sargent Circle, Franklin, spoke regarding Agenda Item # 4 – Minutes.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Discuss Economic Development in Heard County – Mr. Emmett Harrod, Chairman and Ms. Julie Pope, Executive Director, Heard County Development Authority – Mr. Emmett Harrod, Chairman of The Heard County Development Authority Board updated the Board on a recent development of a new business locating in Heard County. He stated that the development authority is very excited about this business and will continue to work diligently on bringing other businesses to Heard County.

b. Discuss Commission Meeting Dates for 2011 – Commission Chair Jackson stated that she spoke with Heard County School Superintendent Jerry Prince regarding the Board of Education possibly changing their monthly board meeting day and time. She reported that Mr. Prince stated, the Board of Education has no desire to change their monthly school board meetings to a new day and time.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Torchbearers Park – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director – Mr. Darold Wiggins explained a situation to the Board regarding the bank behind the old Franklin fire station on Shady Lane in Torchbearers Park. He explained that the crossties are beginning to collapse and is causing a dangerous situation. He recommended several options to the Board to solve this problem but stated he realized any option would be an expense to the County. After further discussion, the Board decided that each Board member would review the problem and come back with suggestions for discussion.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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