

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 22, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 22, 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 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Allen gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation to Mr. Albert Walker – Postponed.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from March 8, 2011 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to New Business to include “b – Discuss Contract for Road Department”. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this request. Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to Public Comments. She made a motion to revise the public comment rules to eliminate the two minute time limit and to allow for dialogue between the Board and the citizens. Commissioner Cammon seconded the motion. On a vote of 2 to 3 the motion failed. Commissioner Cammon and Commissioner Isenhower voted for the motion. Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Crook and Commissioner Caldwell voted against the motion.

Agenda Item # 6 – Public Comments - Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public

comments. The following citizens spoke regarding Agenda Item #7 – Old Business – b.

Discuss Heard County Covered Arena Guidelines:

Mr. Charles Cummings, 1206 Ferry Road,

Ms. Tonya Shelnett, 833 Centralhatchee Parkway,

Ms. Shari Wilkins, 23029 Hwy. 100,

Mr. Sammy Wright, 25784 Hwy. 100,

Mr. Russ Massa, 115 Sargent Circle,

Mrs. Mary Etheridge, 7161 Ridgeway Road,

Mr. Robert Brasch, 20317 Hwy. 100,

Mr. Vic Holcombe, 1025 S. Bridge Road, and

Mr. Allen Akin, 2188 Barr Farm Road.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Approve Pay Request for Dugout Roof

Additions – Mr. Kevin Hamby - - Mr. Kevin Hamby presented pay request # 4 from Earley Construction on the Glover Road Gymnasium Renovations in the amount of \$14,940.00. Mr. Hamby and David Julien, Recreation Director, reviewed Mr. Earley’s work earlier today and approved this request with a change from the original amount to \$14,218.00. Mr. Hamby stated that Mr. Earley expected to be finished with this job in the month of April. On motion (Crook) and second (Cammon), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve this request and for this invoice to be paid from insurance proceeds received that are in the general fund account. Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Cammon and Commissioner Caldwell voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against this motion.

b. Discuss Heard County Covered Arena Guidelines – Mr. Sammy Noles, Arena

Director read a prepared statement to the Board regarding the arena. He also asked the Board to approve the amended guidelines to include the addition of an open arena night. After much discussion, on motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the board voted 3 to 2 to approve the amended guidelines. Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Crook and Commissioner Caldwell voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower and Commissioner Cammon voted against the motion.

c. Discuss Loan Backing for Heard County Development Authority and PPI, Inc. –

Postponed.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Appointments to the Hospital

Authority – (This item was amended to discuss appointment to the Health Department Board not the Hospital Authority Board) – Commission Chair Jackson stated that there is an opening on the Health Department Board to replace Mrs. Kay Smith. She stated that the Health Department recommended Mr. Chris Cumbie to fill this position. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to approve this recommendation.

b. Discuss Road Maintenance Program for Roads Department – Mr. Darold

Wiggins, Public Works Director – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director stated that he recently solicited bids to three vendors regarding a road maintenance program for Heard County. He stated he received one bid in the amount of \$82,225.00 from The Barnhardt Group in Kennesaw, Georgia. He explained that this program would allow the county to obtain information as to how much it would cost to repair and maintain roads in Heard County. This quote includes a consultant who will provide services and equipment

and materials necessary to complete the project. It also includes the software to evaluate the roads and is compatible with the GIS software that the county already has. He explained that this information would be very valuable as a maintenance tool and a budgeting tool. He stated this program would allow him to have a specific answer to the citizens as to “when is my road going to be repaired”. He stated he would pay for this program from his road projects line item in the roads department budget. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request and for this item to be paid from the road projects line item in the roads department budget and for Commission Chair Jackson to sign the contract.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss real estate. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that real estate was discussed in Executive Session.

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