

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on August 23, 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. Reverend Noel Forrester gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from July 26, 2011 and July 28, 2011 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – Commission Chair Jackson asked to amend the agenda to add “f” – Discuss 9-1-1 Monument to New Business. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request. Commissioner Isenhower requested adding “b” – Discuss Policy Concerning County Attorney to Old Business and adding “g” – Discuss Credit Card Findings to New Business. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Cammon), the Board voted against these motions on a 2 to 3 vote. Commissioner Isenhower and Commissioner Cammon voted for the motions. Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Crook and Commissioner Caldwell voted against the motions.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments - Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public comments. Commissioner Isenhower asked to be allowed to speak during public comments. She stated she would like to comment about the public comment regulations according to the handbook for Georgia County Commissioners. Chairman Jackson stated she believed that book was a guide and not law. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner advised Commissioner Isenhower it would be a discussion of public comments policy and she would discuss it with her after the meeting.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss Bank Pledge Reports – Felicia Adams
Finance Director, Felicia Adams presented the Board with a “screenshot” of information she received from Certus Bank that lists the financial instruments that secure the certificate of deposit moved from the Bank of North Georgia to Certus Bank last month. She stated that Certus would issue a traditional pledge report after August 31, 2011 and she will provide a copy to the Board at the next meeting. Mrs. Adams provided the Board with letters from Certus Bank, Regions Bank and the Bank of North Georgia stating that all county funds have been and are currently insured.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Back to School Bash – Kathy Knowles, Heard County Community Partnership – Heard County Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Noel Forrester presented the Board with a plaque on behalf of the Heard County Community Partnership thanking them for their continued support of the Back to School Bash and for making the arena available to hold the event.

b. Discuss Heard County Food Pantry – Sherry Williams, Heard County Food

Pantry – Mrs. Sherry Williams from the Heard County food pantry thanked the Board for providing the use of the arena for the free monthly food bank giveaways.

c. Non-Conforming Use Application – Mr. Teddy Fincher, 232 Abner Road,

Franklin - Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Teddy Fincher a resident at 232 Abner Road, Franklin has requested to move a 1989 - 14 x 68 mobile home from 833 Upper Caldwell Road to 232 Abner Road as a permanent resident for himself and his son. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that this mobile home does meet all requirements to be relocated within Heard County. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to approve this request to relocate this mobile home.

d. Appointments to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – Commission Chair

Jackson stated that Mr. Johnny Kistler's term has ended on the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors. He has requested that he be reappointed for another three year term. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved Mr. Kistler's reappointment.

e. Discuss Heard County Surplus Equipment List – Public Works Director, Darold

Wiggins and Mr. Don Cutchins with Midway Machinery & Auction, LLC spoke to the Board about the process of auctioning surplus items from Heard County at a sale on October 1, 2011 in Calhoun, Georgia. Mr. Cutchins explained his company will transport all the equipment and trucks to Calhoun. They also put the items for sale online so people from all over can bid on them. Mr. Wiggins explained that Midway will receive 5% of the sales. Mr. Wiggins asked the Board to vote to surplus the items he presented from the

road department, the Sheriff's office, the EMA department, the IT department, the Recreation department and the vehicle maintenance department. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen) the Board unanimously voted to surplus the presented items. On motion (Cammon) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to sell these items through an auction on October 1, 2011 in Calhoun, Georgia with Midway Machinery & Auction, LLC handling the sale.

f. Discuss 9-1-1 Monument – Chief Scott Blue asked the Board if they would like to sponsor a brick for the 9-1-1 monument that is set to be unveiled on September 11, 2011. After some discussion, Commissioner Allen suggested that the County sponsor a platinum brick for \$5,000.00. Chief Blue stated that the Heard County Sheriff's Office sponsored a brick for \$10,000.00, the City of Franklin, \$2,500.00 plus a brick for each officer and Heard County EMA, \$20,000.00. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to donate \$5,000.00 for the 9-1-1 monument and to pay for this out of the contingency line item.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session - Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss litigation. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. On motion (Cammon) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that litigation was discussed in Executive Session.

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