

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 26, 2010 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 Lee Boone, 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 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved the minutes for January 12, 2010.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments – Commission Chair Jackson stated that there are public meeting rules and regulations available to anyone who wishes to speak. Commissioner Isenhower stated she would like to clarify a comment she made in the last meeting regarding information she asked for from the Heard County Water Authority. She stated she did pick up the information from the Water Authority but it was not what she requested.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “d” – Discuss Reconsideration of the Revolving Loan Fund Application for Small Town Automotive and Diagnostics. On motion (Crook) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Update of Fire Administration Facility – Kevin Hamby – Mr. Hamby reported that the EMA Headquarters is substantially complete and that Motorola is scheduled to install the 911 consoles next week. He stated that they are still on schedule for a March 2, 2010 move-in date.

b. Approve Pay Requests for Fire Administration Facility - Commission Chair

Jackson presented pay request # 6 from New South Construction for the Fire Administration Facility in the amount of \$179,161.20 and pay request # 17905-15 from Clough Harbour & Associates in the amount of \$6,692.00 for engineering services related to the fire administration facility. Commissioner Isenhower asked Mr. Hamby to clarify the fee for program management on this project. He stated that the fee of \$20,000.00 includes the \$17,000.00 management fee and reimbursable charges on this project. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved these requests.

c. Appointment to Region One Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Planning Board - Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board for an appointment to the Regions One Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Planning Board.

Commissioner Crook stated that he had two possible recommendations for the next meeting. Commissioner Isenhower recommended Mrs. Brenda Poole. Commission Chair Jackson stated she would bring this back to the next commissioners meeting for a firm appointment after Commissioner Crook talks with his possible recommendations. All agreed.

d. Discuss Reconsideration of the Revolving Loan Fund Application for Small Town

Automotive and Diagnostics – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that while reviewing the revolving loan fund application for Small Town Automotive and Diagnostics it was noted the some of the collateral that Mr. Tim Meacham was using to secure the loan was not free and clear of debt. She stated Mr. Meacham’s intention is to use other collateral to secure this loan. On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this revision to this application.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Request from Heard County Board of Education – Heard County School Superintendent, Benjamin Hyatt made a request to the Board for them to approve a tax levy resolution for the Heard County Board of Education General Obligation School Bonds. Board of Education (BOE) Attorney, Mr. Cory Kirby explained to the Board that in 2007 the school district reauthorized a one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sale Tax (SPLOST) and obtained the authority to issue up to \$35,000,000 in general obligation debt. He explained that the BOE initially issued \$25 million in general obligation bonds and now would like to issue \$1.5 million of the remaining \$10 million authorized. He explained that the BOE is required to pass a resolution irrevocably committing itself to levy the necessary millage rate required to make the principal and interest payment on the bonds. This millage rate will be charged against the school system’s millage rate ceiling. The BOE has the authority to levy millage that the Board of Commissioners is then required to include as part of the total tax millage levied against property in the County. He presented a resolution for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Isenhower asked Mr. Hyatt what the school system plans to do with the \$1.5 million they just borrowed. He stated that the money will be used to finish the Heard County High School’s tennis courts, girl’s softball field, and to remodel the old social studies building and vocational building. Commissioner Caldwell clarified that this will not raise the millage rate for the County. Mr. Kirby stated, no, just the BOE millage rate. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve this resolution. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion stating she did not feel that the school system budgeted their money wisely.

b. Approval of Heard County Transit 5311 Program for 2011 – Commission Chair Jackson presented the authorizing resolution for the 2010 Transit 5311 Program. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this resolution with authorization for Commission Chair Jackson to sign the resolution.

c. Appointment to Heard County Development Authority Board – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Chuck Stephens’ term is ending on the Development Authority and the Development Authority has recommended reappointing him for another two year term. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss Bids for New Roof on Old Jail Museum – Commission Chair Jackson presented two bids for the replacement of the roof on the Old Jail Museum. She stated that the roof has been leaking for quite some time and needs to be replaced. The two bids were as follows:

Nutt Roofing & Siding, Inc.	-	\$ 9,400.00
Mark Cook & Mickey Cook	-	\$18,000.00

Commissioner Caldwell asked Commission Chair Jackson to find out how old the current roof is before the Board makes a decision on a new roof. Commission Chair Jackson stated she would bring this information back to the Board at the next meeting.

e. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mrs. Agnes Jackson’s term on the Board of Tax Assessors will end in February, 2010. Mrs. Jackson has agreed to serve another term and the Board of Tax Assessors has recommended reappointing her for another three year term. On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

f. Discuss Purchase of New Fire Truck – Chief Scott Blue – Chief Scott Blue stated to the Board that in the SPLOST referendum, it was scheduled to buy a new fire truck at the end of

2010. He recently received information that any 2010 model truck is required to be exhaust emission compliant. He stated that this option will cost an additional \$12,500.00 on a new 2010 chassis. He stated that he received a quote from FireLine, Inc. on a 2009 E-One Freightliner truck that could be delivered in 90 to 180 days for a cost of \$174,900.00. Commissioner Caldwell asked Chief Blue if he would be replacing or adding an additional truck. Chief Blue stated in order to be compliant with ISO he must have 9 trucks and 2 in reserve. This truck would make him compliant with ISO. He stated this is the last truck to be purchased in the current SPLOST referendum. He recommended purchasing this truck now instead at the end of 2010. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

g. Discuss Purchase of New Patrol Cars – Captain Jane Olinger – Captain Jane Olinger presented three bids on two new 2010 Ford Crown Victoria deputy cars. The bids were as follows:

Richard Haney Ford	-	\$21,088.92 per vehicle (\$42,177.84 – for 2)
Clint Brannen Ford	-	\$21,012.00 per vehicle (\$42,024.00 – for 2)
Allan Vigil Ford	-	\$21,198.00 per vehicle (\$42,396.00 – for 2)

Capt. Olinger stated that she would like to recommend purchasing the vehicles from Richard Haney Ford. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss litigation. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Commission Chair

Jackson stated that the Board discussed litigation in Executive Session. There being no further business, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.