

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 30, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 30, 2009 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 (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from April 14, 2009 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Speaker – a. Representatives from Regions Bank – Ellen Nowicki, Branch Manager and Garnet Reynolds, Community Banker – Mrs. Ellen Nowicki, Branch Manager of the local Regions Bank and Mr. Garnet Reynolds, Regions Bank Community Banker asked the Board to consider Regions Bank for the County’s business.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Boone asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “g” – Discuss Arena. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Discuss Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment for EMA Headquarters – Mr. Kevin Hamby, Clough Harbour & Associates – Mr. Kevin Hamby presented a construction furniture, fixtures and equipment budget summary for the EMA Headquarters that was discussed in an earlier work session. He explained that he was only asking the Board to accept and approve the \$3,000,000 budget at this time. Commissioner

Caldwell expressed his concern regarding approving the \$3,000,000 budget which included the cost of the building at \$2,284,293. Commissioner Crook expressed his concerns with the cost of the 911 furniture. Chris Acosta, 911 Director explained that this is modular furniture made for 911 dispatchers and includes three stations for daily usage and one training station that can be used as a complete functioning working station if necessary. After further discussion, on motion (Boone) and second (Isenhower), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve this budget and for Commission Chair Jackson to sign the Motorola contracts. Commissioner Isenhower, Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Crook, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion and Commissioner Caldwell voted against the motion.

b. Report on Heard County Sports Complex – Mr. King Evans, Clough Harbour &

Associates – Mr. King Evans stated that things are moving along well at the Sports Complex to meet the June 1st deadline for completion. He explained that there is \$250,000 retainage money being held on Sports Turf and \$125,000 retainage money being held on Headley Construction. He also requested that the Board withhold paying Clough Harbour until the June 1st deadline is met. He explained that the retainage money would be held until Clough Harbour signs off that everything is complete at the Sports Complex and Heard County is completely satisfied. He did recommend paying the outstanding pay requests to Sports Turf and Headley Construction for work already completed.

c. Approve Pay Requests for Heard County Sports Complex - Commission Chair

Jackson presented three previous pay requests for the Sports Complex. The requests were as follows:

Headley Construction - Pay Request # 15	-	\$ 87,152.00
Headley Construction - Pay Request # 16	-	\$ 69,050.00

Sports Turf – Pay Request # 17	-	\$ 40,483.32
Total Pay Requests	-	\$196,685.32

County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner did recommend paying these pay requests. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved these pay requests.

d. Approve Arena Facility Use Guidelines – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that she is in the process of revising the guidelines. She stated that she would also like for the Arena Committee to review the guidelines. She stated she should have the guidelines finalized for approval at the next meeting.

e. Discuss Proposal from HDR for Landfill Monitoring – Commission Chair Jackson stated that HDR Engineering, Inc. has submitted their proposal of \$29,100.00 for landfill monitoring for 2009-2010. She explained that Heard County has been contracted with HDR for a number of years to provide landfill monitoring and they are familiar with the layout of the landfill. She also stated that HDR is handling the reporting to EPD regarding the possibility of installing two new wells. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this proposal.

f. Approve Pay Request for Thompson Road Paving Project – Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request for \$517,578.90 from Clough Harbour & Associates for a partial payment on the Thompson Road reclamation and resurfacing project. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

g. Discuss Arena – Commissioner Boone stated that after the rodeo was held in the new arena in April, there were some noted problems with the new facility. He asked Commission Chair Jackson to contact the electrical contractor to discuss the issues with him regarding some minor electrical problems and to contact Daniel Construction to

discuss there being no hot water in the concession stand. He also suggested having an audio technician inspect the sound system to find out why it is not working properly.

Commission Chair Jackson stated that Arena Director, Sammy Noles is already looking into these issues.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Revocation of Beer & Wine License for

Pop’s Grocery – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that the beer and wine license for Pop’s Grocery, a convenience store in the Corinth community, was recently revoked.

She explained that the owner of the store violated several clauses in the County’s ordinance but does have the right to appeal his revocation. She asked the Board to set a date for the store owner to appeal this revocation. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to hear this appeal on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

b. Discuss Equipment for New Patrol Cars – Sheriff Ross Henry presented bids on

equipment for two new patrol cars and one unmarked investigations car. The bids were as

follows:	For Patrol Cars -	S & S Electronics	-	\$12,546.50 per vehicle
		Metropolitan Comm.	-	\$12,805.00 per vehicle
	For investigations car-	S & S Electronics	-	\$ 3,406.50 per vehicle
		Metropolitan Comm.	-	\$ 3,355.00 per vehicle

Sheriff Henry also requested two shotgun mounts and shotguns for the patrol cars at the cost of \$1,177.98. Sheriff Henry recommended accepting the low bid of \$15,953.00 from S & S Electronics and requested accepting the two shotgun mounts and shotguns at a cost of \$1,177.98. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved these requests.

c. Discuss Appointments to Heard County Facilities Authority – Commission Chair Jackson stated that there have been a number of changes in the past year on the Heard County

Development Authority Board. She explained that the Development Authority Board members also serve on the Heard County Facilities Authority therefore the Facilities Authority Board members need to be appointed or re-appointed. She recommended the following appointments to the Heard County Facilities Authority:

To replace R.L. Hughey; Mr. Emmett Harrod - 3 year term

To replace Nancy Hunter; Mr. Terry Harper - 2 year term

To replace Sherrie Duke; Mark Adams - 2 year term

Reappointment - Chuck Stephens - 1 year term

On motion (Caldwell) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously voted to accept these recommendations.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session - Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and potential land acquisition.

On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss these issues. On motion (Boone) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously agreed to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board discussed personnel, possible litigation and potential land acquisition in Executive Session.

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