

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on December 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse.

In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, 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. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Allen gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation of Plaques – Chairman Boone presented plaques to Commissioner Allen, Crook and Cammon in appreciation to them for serving on the Board of Commissioners for the last several years. He thanked them for their service to the citizens of Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from November 20, 2014 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Crook asked to amend new business to include “e” – Discuss Old Field Road. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this amendment.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Discuss Bids for Ambulance – Chief Steve Wirth – Chief Steve Wirth presented three bids on two new ambulances that he would like to purchase to replace two of his higher mileage units. The bids were as follows:

MEDIX Specialty Vehicles, Inc.	\$124,975.00 per unit
Osage Industries, Inc.	\$145,978.00 per unit
Braun Industries	\$164,245.00 per unit

Chief Wirth recommended purchasing both ambulances from MEDIX Specialty Vehicles at \$124,975.00 each. He explained that MEDIX has two 2015 chassis ready now. If we purchase the ambulances from MEDIX we would not have to order them and we would still be able to get a fleet discount. He also stated that these ambulances would have a three year; 36,000 mile warranty. He stated he plans to surplus the ambulances that he would be replacing. After further discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved purchasing the two ambulances from MEDIX at the cost of \$124,975.00 each from SPLOST.

b. Appointments to Heard County Development Authority – Chairman Boone stated that the Heard County Development Authority is recommending reappointing Mrs. Cheryl Pollard to their board. They also stated that Mr. Emmett Harrod has asked not to be reappointed to the authority and the board would like to recommend Mr. Terry Harper to replace Mr. Harrod. On motion (Crook) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved both recommendations. The Development Authority board also recommended Mrs. Cheryl Pollard and Mr. Chad Wood to serve on the Greater West Georgia Development to replace Mr. Morris Long and Mr. Emmett Harrod. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

c. Approve Privatization of Probation Services – Chairman Boone presented a resolution to privatize probation services for Heard County Probate Court and Heard County Magistrate Court. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that state law requires the Board of Commissioners to approve any such contracts. She stated that Heard County Probate Court is

requesting the Board to approve a contract between Heard County Probate and Providence Community Corrections, Inc. to provide probation supervision, counseling, and collection services of all moneys to be paid by a defendant. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request. She also stated that Heard County Magistrate Court is requesting the Board to approve a contract between Heard County Magistrate Court and Patriot Probation Services, Inc. to provide probation supervision, counseling, and collection services of all moneys to be paid by a defendant. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss Brush Creek Park Winter Closing – Chairman Boone made a recommendation to the Board to close Brush Creek Park from December 21st through February 28th for general maintenance. He stated that last year during the winter months, there were several broken pipes and no water available for the one or two campers at the park. He stated this would give the park manager a chance to winterize the park and do general maintenance that is hard to do with the park being open. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

e. Discuss Old Field Road – Commissioner Crook stated that he would like to see a clean up done behind the Old Field Road vehicle maintenance shop. Chairman Boone stated that he did intend to clean up the area and surplus some of the items that are in this area.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 10 – Executive Session – Chairman Boone asked the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. On motion (Cammon) and second (Allen), the

Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Cammon) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session.

Chairman Boone stated that in Executive Session personnel was discussed with no decisions made.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for December 18, 2014

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 1-27-15