

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on February 9, 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. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director of the Heard County Water Authority, gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation to Mrs. Joyce Kelly – Commission Chair Jackson on behalf of the Board, presented a plaque to Mrs. Joyce Kelly for 25 years of service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Mrs. Kelly for her loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 - Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board approved the minutes from January 26, 2010.

Agenda Item # 5 – Pubic Hearings – a. Abandonment of a Portion of Franklin Parkway – Commission Chair Jackson opened the public hearing on abandoning a portion of Franklin Parkway. She explained that this property is on the west side going north at Mr. Fred Harcrow’s residence and is a portion of the old U.S. Hwy. 27 that no longer serves a purpose to the County. She did state that there is a water main on this portion of the road and the Water Authority has asked that they obtain a 20 foot easement on this abandoned portion so they may have access to the water main. There being no public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

b. Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance from the Heard County

Planning Commission – Commission Chair Jackson opened the public hearing. She stated that the Heard County Planning Commission has recommended adding a definition of “agriculture” to Article I Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. She explained that the Planning Commission recommended adding this definition to the Ordinance, and no other part of the Ordinance relating zoning would be changed or affected. Commissioner Isenhower asked why is the change necessary if it is not going to change anything. Katrina Knowles, Zoning Administrator explained that Mr. Doug Craven, member of the Planning Commission, felt it should be added only for clarification. Commissioner Isenhower asked what is Mr. Craven’s occupation. Mrs. Knowles stated he is a poultry farmer. She explained that there would not be a change in anything relating to this definition, Mr. Craven just felt like the definition should be added for clarification purposes. Mr. Pat Pitzer of 220 Windemere Circle, Newnan, also spoke his concern of why it needed to be added. Commissioner Boone stated he felt that Mr. Doug Craven has been on the Planning Commission for a long time and he only wanted to add this for clarification purposes. He stated that no application has come to the Board to change anything from residential to agriculture. Commissioner Isenhower made a motion to continue this public hearing until Mr. Craven could come to clarify his reasoning on wanting this change. The motion died on the table for a lack of a second. On motion (Boone) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Caldwell asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “e” – Discuss Heat in Gym at Sports Complex and an amendment to New Business to include “d” – Discuss County Banking Business;

Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “f” – Discuss Wall Mural and Sealing of Tile Floors for Fire Administration Facility and an amendment to New Business to discuss “e” – Discuss Driveway Pipe Policy; Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to New Business to discuss “f” – Discuss Whitlock Drive. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously agreed to accept these amendments.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Update on Fire Administration Facility – Kevin Hamby – Postponed.

b. Discuss Dug-Outs at Sports Complex – Kevin Hamby – Postponed.

c. Appointment to Region One Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Planning Board – Commissioner Allen stated that after making the first nomination for this Board and further research on the appointment to this Board, she realized that this person has to be a user of the Regions One’s services. She stated that therefore her first nomination would not qualify. She recommended Mrs. Tracey Holcombe be appointed to this Board and stated that Mrs. Holcombe does qualify as a user of this board’s services. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

d. Discuss Bids for New Roof on Old Jail Museum – Commission Chair Jackson stated that she spoke with Mrs. Selmah Bowen about the current roof problems on the old jail museum. Mrs. Bowen explained in an email that the current roof was put on in 1986 or 1987. She also explained where the roof is leaking and stated that if it is not repaired soon the building may also need some repairs. The two bids that were opened on January 26, 2010 were as follows:

Nutt Roofing & Siding, Inc. - \$ 9,400.00

Mark Cook & Mickey Cook - \$18,000.00

On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to award the bid to Nutt Roofing & Siding, Inc. at the cost of \$9,400.00.

e. Discuss Heat in Gym at Sports Complex – Commissioner Caldwell stated he had several people ask him if the heat in the new gym at the Sports Complex was working correctly. Commission Chair Jackson stated there were warranty problems with the heating system and Headley Construction was working with the heating and air contractor to get these problems corrected.

f. Discuss Wall Mural and Sealing of Tile Floors for Fire Administration Facility – Chief Scott Blue discussed with the Board about having a mural painted on a wall in the conference room of the new fire administration facility. Chief Blue presented a sample of a mural that Mrs. Kim Nutt of Franklin painted. Commissioner Crook suggested also including the Sheriff's office in this mural. After some discussion, on motion (Boone) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously voted to have a mural painted on the wall in the conference room between the two exit doors. Chief Blue also brought to the Board's attention that the tile floors in the new facility were not sealed. He asked the Board if they would approve sealing these floors in order to make the floors easier to clean. He explained that this is not normally specified in installation of these types of floors. He estimated this cost to be approximately \$3,000.00. Commissioner Boone suggested allowing Commission Chair Jackson to bid this out and make a decision since it is a job under \$5,000.00. All agreed.

Agenda Item # 9 – New Business – a. Decision on Public Hearing – Abandonment of a Portion of Franklin Parkway – On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to abandon the portion of Franklin Parkway at Fred Harcrow’s house with a 20 foot access easement to the Water Authority.

b. Decision on Public Hearing – Proposed Text Amendments – On motion (Boone) and second (Crook), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation. Commissioner Boone, Crook, Caldwell and Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion stating she needed more information before she could approve this recommendation.

c. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Planning & Zoning Board – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Terrell Jones has resigned from the Heard County Planning Commission due to health reasons. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Bill Gregory to the Heard County Planning Commission.

d. Discuss County Banking Business – Commissioner Caldwell asked Commission Chair Jackson to confirm with Felicia Adams, Finance Director that the County’s money is guaranteed with our current bank. Commission Chair Jackson stated she would confirm that with Felicia and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

e. Discuss Driveway Pipe Policy – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director, reported to the Board that in the past the County policy has been not to install driveway pipes for residents. He stated now there are damaged pipes in driveways that are causing damage to our roads. He asked the Board what he should do about this problem. After much discussion, the Board asked County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner to check on a policy

where residents would be required to repair or replace their existing driveway pipe if it is causing damage to the County road and bring it back to Board at the next meeting.

f. Discuss Whitlock Drive – Commissioner Isenhower asked the Board why Whitlock Drive was taken off the original paving grant project. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that there was not enough money in the grant to pave all the roads initially included so Whitlock Drive was eliminated. She also explained that the right of way would have to be obtained on Whitlock before the County could accept this road into the County road system. She stated that it would take a deed from Mr. Flax and she was certain that he would probably be more than willing to give a deed. Commissioner Caldwell stated he would not be in favor of accepting anymore private roads in to the County road system. Commissioner Boone stated he would not be in favor of buying any right of way either. Commissioner Isenhower made a motion to accept Whitlock Drive into the County road system. The motion died on the table for the lack of a second.

Executive Session – None.

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