

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 27, 2015 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 Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Heard County resident, Randy Chestnut, gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Invited Guests – a. Milena Perez, Georgia Department of Public

Health - Ms. Milena Perez with the Georgia Department of Public Health introduced herself and explained to the Board she is a Public Health Intern who is currently working on a community needs assessment in Heard County. She stated she is focusing on the beliefs and attitudes towards physical activity in Heard County. She stated this project would be done in January, 2016 and she would be sharing the results with the Board of Commissioners.

b. Western Area Regional Radio System Authority (WARRS) – Mr. Tim Padgett, WARRS Chairman and Mr. Jeff Richards with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding upgrades needed to the WARRS system. Mr. Padgett explained how the prime site and master site both need upgrades. He also stated that if all the counties using the WARRS system agree to the upgrades, that Motorola could start working on the project in January, 2016.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from September 22, 2015 as presented. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 13, 2015 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to include item; e – Declare EMA property surplus. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request. Chairman Boone asked for the order of the agenda to be amended to discuss item; a – Approve WARRS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as the last item in New Business. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business - b. – Approve Overall Project Concept and Budget for Courthouse – Chairman Boone stated that in an earlier work session, the Board discussed the overall project and budget for the courthouse renovation and construction of a new administration building. He stated the Board would need to approve this overall project and the \$4,300,000.00 budget for this project. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

c. Approve Annual Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit DOT 5311

Program – Chairman Boone present the FY17 5311 authorizing resolution for Heard County Transit. This is an annual resolution the Board must approve. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this resolution.

d. Discuss Sponsor Banners at Heard County Arena – Chairman Boone stated that he would like to propose selling sponsorship banners to display on the fencing at the Heard County Arena. Commissioner Hammond suggested developing a policy first that would include certain

levels of sponsorships available. With certain levels of sponsorships there would also be different levels of pricing for the banners. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Boone to proceed with developing a banner policy.

e. Declare EMA Property Surplus – Chairman Boone asked the Board to declare several EMA items as surplus. (list attached). On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

At this time New Business item – **a. Approve WARRS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was discussed. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that the other counties included in this MOU will have to adopt the MOU after Coweta County amends the agreement. Chairman Boone stated that the \$44,133.00 for the master site upgrades was included in the SPLOST budget but the \$80,569.06 for the prime site upgrades was not included. He stated that Heard County did include the annual WARRS maintenance fee of \$42,300.00 in the general fund budget. Mr. Richards stated that the master site upgrade is a necessity now in order to allow Carroll County 911 to go online with their new system. He stated that the prime site would be the last portion of the WARRS upgrades needed. Mr. Padgett stated that WARRS might be able to help fund the \$80,569.06 to Heard County with a payback schedule set out in the MOU. He stated he would be glad to discuss this with the WARRS board. After further discussion, and on motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to allow Chairman Boone to sign the MOU on behalf of Heard County and to move forward with Heard County's portion of the funding for the master site upgrades at the cost of \$44,133.00.

Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Update on Advantage Tactical - Chairman Boone stated that County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner is waiting to hear from the Advantage Tactical attorney.

Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mr. Gerald Harjo, 933 Mayhaley Road, Franklin, asked the Board to consider making the banners temporary for the fencing at the Heard County arena.

Item # 9 – Executive Session – Chairman Boone asked for an executive session to discuss possible litigation. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session.

On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Chairman Boone stated that in Executive Session the Board discussed possible litigation.

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

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Patty G. Jiles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date 11/24/15

