

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 27, 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. Chief Scott Blue gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 27, 2009 with changes to page 3.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments –Chief Scott Blue thanked everyone for the prayers for his wife during her illness. He also stated that he would like for the Board to recognize Chief Chris Cumbie and Chief Steve Wirth as two outstanding employees of the EMA that have helped him tremendously during the time he has been out with his wife’s illness. Commissioner Isenhower stated that on behalf of the residents of Minardi Drive she wanted to thank the road department for all their hard work on this project.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Update on EMA Headquarters, and the Roosterville Fire Station – Kevin Hamby – Mr. Kevin Hamby with Clough Harbour & Associates stated that in an earlier work session with the Board there were two issues that need to be decided on the EMA Headquarters. He explained that in the work session the water meter vault was approved at a cost of \$10,954.00. He stated that this money would come from the contingency line to the New South contract line in the EMA Headquarters

budget. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this change. Mr. Hamby also stated that in the work session the Board approved for ACOM Company to install the data lines, phone lines, television cabling, phone system, security cameras and entry controls at the cost of \$24,000.00. He stated this money would come from the contingency line to a separate ACOM line item in the EMA Headquarters budget. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this change.

Mr. Hamby stated that the Roosterville Fire Station is substantially complete and a walk through has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

b. Approve Pay Request for Roosterville Fire Station – Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request from Mark and Mickey Cook for the Roosterville Fire Station in the amount of \$64,703.31. Mr. Hamby stated that there is still retainage being held on this job. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this request. Commission Chair Jackson also presented a pay request from Geoimage for the EMA Headquarters concrete, steel and compaction testing in the amount of \$7,596.50. Mr. Hamby also stated that Geoimage included the concrete testing for the Roosterville Fire Station at a cost of \$900.00 in this invoice. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss GEFA Resolution for Heard County Water Authority – Mr. Jimmy Knight, Director of the Heard County Water Authority stated that the Water Authority is requesting that the Heard County Board of Commissioners pass a resolution for the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA). He explained that the Water Authority was recently approved for a \$100,000.00

loan with 70 percent forgiveness. He explained these funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This money will be used to update the sewage lift station located on Hwy. 34E at the industrial park. He stated that GEFA is requesting this resolution from the County. This resolution states that if the Water Authority defaults on their GEFA loan then the Heard County Board of Commissioners will assume the liability. He stated that the Water Authority does have the means to pay these loan payments. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss Department of Community Affairs Recovery Zone Allocation Money – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that the Heard County Development Authority has asked the Board to approve a Recovery Zone Bond Notice of Intent to Issue. This concerns funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. She explained that this notice simply preserves the right to use this money it does not obligate the County or Development Authority in any way. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board entered into Executive Session. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board returned to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that a personnel issue was discussed in Executive Session. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board voted 4 to 1 to accept the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors recommendation and increase Ms. Dale Castillo's salary to \$40,000.00 a year. Commissioner Boone,

Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Crook and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion and Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

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