

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 26, 2016, 2016 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, welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from March 22, 2016.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked to add item “b” to Old Business - Update on Surplus Items Sold. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Approve Contracts for Asphalt Resurfacing, Surface Treatment and High Density Mineral Bond – Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director, stated that bids were recently received and opened on the 2016 paving projects. The bids received were as follows:

Asphalt resurfacing; multiple roads in Heard County; two bids received;

C.W. Matthews Contracting \$ 565,820.01

E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. \$ 568,281.07

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the low bid from C.W. Matthews at \$565,820.01. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Surface Treatment; multiple roads in Heard County; one bid received;

Middle Georgia Paving	\$ 457,678.60
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Mr. Wiggins stated that Middle Georgia Paving did a great job on some work in Heard County last year and even though there was only one bid received, he would like to recommend accepting this bid. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

High Density Mineral Bond Treatment; multiple roads in Heard County; two bids received;

Blount	\$ 72,952.81
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Whitaker Contracting	\$ 69,059.42
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Mr. Wiggins stated that even though Whitaker Contracting is the lowest bid; their bid was missing a signed addendum and therefore their bid is not complete. He recommended accepting the bid from Blount at \$72,952.81. On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

b. Approve Purchase of Field Rake for Heard County Recreation Department – Chairman

Boone asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new field rake for Heard County Recreation Department in the amount of \$12,379.38 from Greenville Turf and Tractor in Piedmont, South Carolina. He explained that the old field rake at the recreation department was not cost effective to repair. He also explained that no dealer in the State of Georgia has this piece of equipment and that Greenville Turf and Tractor would deliver the equipment to Heard

County. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this purchase to be paid with recreation department SPLOST funds.

c. Approve Bids for Lawnmower for Heard County Recreation Department – Chairman

Boone stated that he recently asked for bids on a new lawnmower for the Heard County Recreation Department. He explained that the current lawnmower is over 10 years old and he would like to send that mower to Brush Creek Park and purchase a new mower for the recreation department. He stated that he received three bids on a 2015 John Deere Z997R with 72” 7-gauge side discharge. The bids received were as follows:

SunSouth, LLC, Carrollton, Georgia	\$ 15,878.95
AG-Pro, Newnan, Georgia	\$ 16,799.99
Greenville Turf & Tractor	\$ 18,618.60

He recommended accepting the low bid from SunSouth, LLC, in Carrollton at the cost of \$15,878.95. On motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this purchase to be paid with recreation department SPLOST funds.

d. Update on Brush Creek Park and Heard County Arena – Chairman Boone presented a

schedule of revenues and expenditures for calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 for the Heard County Arena and Brush Creek Park. (see attached). He stated that in 2015 these two facilities were definitely showing an increase in revenues from the previous three years and he hoped that continued.

e. Approve Probation Services Contract for Heard County Probate – County Attorney,

Jerry Ann Conner stated that two years ago, the Board approved for the probate court of Heard County to designate a probation service provider for the prosecution of probate, juvenile and probate court cases. She stated that the law recently changed and a new contract and approval

from the Board is necessary. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved a resolution to privatize the probation services for the probate court of Heard County and to designate CSRA Probation Services, Inc. as the probation provider and to authorize Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the Board.

f. Approve Update to Heard County Transit's Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy – Patty Jiles, County Clerk presented the annual update of the Heard County Transit's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy to include zero tolerance for transit employees, who fall under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this annual update.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss Wireless Hometown – Chairman Boone stated that in September of 2014 the Board voted to allow Wireless Hometown to locate equipment on the tower owned by Heard County to act as the distribution are for a high speed broadband system which will provide a better answer to Heard County citizens and businesses for access to the internet and other broadband needs. Chairman Boone stated that in return for Heard County allowing Wireless Hometown to use their tower, they were to provide the County with several free internet access sites; but Wireless Hometown has been unable to provide the service. After further discussion, on motion (Hooks) and (Denney), the Board unanimously voted for the County Attorney to follow-up with Wireless Hometown and report back to the Board.

b. Update on Surplus Items Recently Sold – Chairman Boone updated the Board on three recently surplused items that were sold on Govdeals.com. He stated that one fire truck and two ambulances were sold for a total of \$31,963.38.

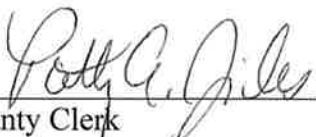
Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments – Commissioner Adams updated the Board on cell tower installation in Heard County. He stated that he recently spoke to a cell tower vendor that is installing towers in Troup County, in the Wares Crossroads area, and asked them how to get cells towers installed in Heard County. The vendor indicated to him that there has to more public demand before the towers will be installed.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss litigation. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session.

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

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

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 5/24/14