

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 22, 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 (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from October 25, 2016.

Agenda Item # 4 - Amend Agenda- None.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business - a. Discuss Purchase of New Fire Truck – Chief Steve Wirth – Chief Steve Wirth stated that on October 30, 2016, EMA was called out to a 40 acre brush fire and during this call, the County lost a fire truck in the fire. He explained that the truck totally destroyed was one of the older trucks that the County owned. It was a 1998 Ford E-One. He explained that he keeps 10 engines in rotation and the average age of each truck is approximately 15 years old. He stated that if a new truck was ordered, it would not be in until April of 2017. He stated he was able to find a demo truck that is available for purchase now. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of the spec truck at the cost of \$265,750.00 from FireLine, Inc. (attached). He also stated that the County would be receiving insurance proceeds in the amount of \$82,426.25 to apply towards this purchase. This truck will be available for pick up the first of

December. Chief Wirth also asked the Board to approve \$52,000.00 in additional equipment needed for this truck. He stated that the County would be receiving insurance proceeds in the amount of \$37,102.58 to apply towards the purchase of the new equipment. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney) the Board approved these two purchases to be paid from SPLOST funds.

b. Discuss Burn Ban Ordinance – Chief Steve Wirth – Chief Wirth presented an outdoor burning ordinance for the Board to approve. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that this ordinance mirrors the states requirements. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the ordinance.

c. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Jerry Nixon’s appointment to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors expires November 22, 2016. He stated that Mr. Nixon would like to continue to serve on this board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved reappointing Mr. Nixon to the Board of Tax Assessors.

d. Discuss Policy Change to Comply with New Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) – Chairman Boone explained that by Executive Order, President Obama required the Department of Labor to revise the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) effective 12/1/16. He stated that in order for Heard County to be in compliance with this order, we would need language put in our current personnel policy. He asked the Board to adopt new definitions attached, for the personnel policy. After some discussion, County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated that the new FLSA revisions were put on hold today by a federal judge. She recommended the Board adopting the new definitions without the language

stating the rate per week an employee must work. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Agenda Item # 6- Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 7 - Public Comments – None.

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

On motion (Denney) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously agreed to reenter into Open Session. Chairman Boone stated in Executive Session the Board discussed personnel with no decisions being made.

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

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date 12/27/16