

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 27, 2014 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 Jacob Cammon, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Mr. Lawrence Lipford a Heard County resident and Chaplain at the Heard County American Legion gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – a. Special Use Requests for Communication Towers**

**(Two requests)** – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. He stated this is a Special Use Request from New Cingular Wireless PCS dba AT&T Wireless for the installation of two communication towers. If approved, a tower will be located on Sellers Road and Hwy. 34E. He stated the Heard County Planning Commission did recommend approval of both applications.

Chairman Boone opened the floor to the applicant Ms. Kathy Jacobs with AT&T.

Commissioner Hooks asked Ms. Jacobs if these towers would be activated after they are built.

She stated yes they would be active and in service in 2015 or 2016. Chairman Boone then

opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments from the public or adjacent

landowners. There being no further comments, on motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the

Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Presentation of Proclamations – Vietnam Veterans Day and National**

**Public Safety Telecommunications Week** – Chairman Boone presented a proclamation

declaring March 29, 2014 as Vietnam Veterans Day. There were several veterans present for

the proclamation and Chairman Boone asked them to introduce themselves along with their branch and years of service. The following were present:

Commissioner Frank Crook, US Army – Vietnam 1966; Wallace Russell, US Army Airborne division 1963-1966; Thomas Levens, US Army 1968-1974; Sammy Hannah, US Army 1966-1968 Vietnam 1966-67; Don Holmes, US Army 1967-1975 Vietnam 1968-1969; Wayne Miller, US Navy SeaBee (Construction Battalion) 1969-1970; Glen Neighbors, US Army; 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division 1966-1968 Vietnam 1968; John Cash, 1st Marine Corp 1970-1991 Vietnam 1972-1973; Lawrence Lipford, US Army 1969-1971 Vietnam 1970-1971; Ray Taylor, Vietnam Special Forces served 13 ½ months, Ed Tibets, MP Vietnam 1967-1968, Dwight Cordell, US Army 1971-2011, Matt Baser Air Defense 5<sup>th</sup> Group Medical Corp. 1977-1983 and Air Defense until 1993 in Desert Storm & Desert Shield; Jerry Nixon, US Air Force 1963-1964 Air Traffic controller in Saigon. These service men were given a standing ovation.

Chairman Boone read the proclamation and on motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this proclamation.

Chairman Boone presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 13-19, 2014 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Chairman Boone read the proclamation and on motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this proclamation.

**Agenda Item # 5- Approval of Minutes** - On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from February 27, 2014 and March 13, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Caldwell asked that a statement be added in the current minutes to reflect why he and Commissioner Crook voted against purchasing the two John Deere 6115D tractors from Sunsouth LLC. He stated that he and Commissioner Crook did not agree with

buying cab tractors. They felt that the lesser expensive, smaller open station tractor(s) should have been purchased.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda** – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to include Item e – Discuss Lease on Old Bus Barn Building. Commissioner Cammon asked for an amendment to New Business to include Item f – Discuss Usage of 4-H Extension Office Gymnasium. On motion (Cammon) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved these requests. Commissioner Allen also asked that the Board receive a SPLOST report each month.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Approve Bids for Heard County Road Projects –**

**Mr. Kevin Hamby, Project Manager** – In the previous work session, the Board discussed the bids that were recently received on three road projects. The projects were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Project - Resurfacing – Armstrong Mill Road from U.S. Hwy. 27 to Notnomis Road –

Received two bids:	Baldwin Paving	-	\$495,952.99
	C.W. Matthews	-	\$371,778.50

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the low bid from C.W. Matthews at \$371,778.50.

On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Project – Surface Treatment – Multiple Roads: Billy Smith Road – U.S. Hwy. 100 to EOP;

Ferry Road – Joe Stephens Road to EOP; Butler Road – Victory Road to Glenn Road;

Wehadkee Road – SR 34 to County line; Victory Road – Whitley O’Neal Road to Zachary Road –

Received one bid:	Everett Dykes Grassing	-	\$303,210.20
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Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the bid from Everett Dykes Grassing at \$303,210.20.

On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

3<sup>rd</sup> Project – Microsurfacing – Multiple Roads: South River Road – Doc Fisher Road to EOP; Caney Head Road – Roosterville Road to EOP; Antioch Road – Roosterville Road to Hwy. 100 –

Received one bid:                    Hudson Construction -            \$461,485.60

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the bid from Hudson Construction at \$461,485.60.

On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**b. Approve Special Use Requests for Communication Towers** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the request to construct two communication towers with the understanding that these towers will be used.

**c. Appoint County Auditor for 2014** – Chairman Boone stated that County Auditor, Kim Kimmel has proposed the same audit fee as last year of \$22,500.00 for 2014. Chairman Boone recommended renewing with Mr. Kimmel’s contract for auditing services for 2014 at the same rate. On motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**d. Approve Update to Heard County Government Substance Abuse Policy** – The Heard County Substance Abuse Policy has been amended to include post accident testing after hours. County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated she has reviewed this policy and the policy is in compliance and she recommends the Board accept this policy. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**e. Discuss Lease on Old Bus Barn Building** – Mr. Rusty Clark owner of Russom Trucking discussed with the Board possibly temporarily renting the old bus barn from the County pending a contract he has bid on with Franklin Aluminum for reconditioning automotive parts. Project Manager Kevin Hamby stated that this building is approximately 3500 square feet. After some discussion, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Clark to lease this building at the cost of \$800.00 a month and for County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner to proceed with drafting a contract between Heard County and Mr. Clark. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**f. Discuss Usage of 4-H Extension Office Gymnasium** – Commissioner Cammon stated that he was approached by some senior citizens in Heard County about using the 4-H Extension Office Gymnasium for monthly dances. Chairman Boone stated that there was a group of senior citizens who was using the gymnasium in the past and there was a problem with one of the band members leaving the lights and air conditioning unit on. He stated that when the 4-H Extension Agent, Mrs. Dinah Rowe spoke with him about this, he became very upset and was very rude to Mrs. Rowe. Chairman Boone stated that he had no problem renting the facility to the senior citizens if they would make sure that Mrs. Rowe does not have to deal with this gentleman. Commissioner Cammon said he would speak with the senior citizens about this and have them discuss this with Mrs. Rowe.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Planning Commission** – Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Brandon Hannah's term on the Heard County Planning Commission expired on February 14, 2014. On motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Chad Wood to this position.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments** – Ms. Mary Israel, resident at 547 Five Notch Road, Franklin, Georgia asked the Board for an update on the broadband study that was discussed last year. Commissioner Allen stated that Heard County did not receive the grant for this study and they would be reapplying.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Executive Session** - Chairman Boone asked the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and possible land acquisition. On motion (Cammon) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Cammon) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session.

After Executive Session, Commissioner Allen asked the Board to allow further discussion on item f - Discuss Usage of 4-H Extension Office Gymnasium. She stated that she understood in the current SPLOST referendum there was a kitchen approved for this building. She stated that she wanted to clarify that the pavilion discussed in an earlier work session was not going to replace the kitchen. Chairman Boone stated the pavilion would not compromise the kitchen project.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for March 27, 2014

Patty A. Giles  
County Clerk

Lee Boone  
Chairman

Date: 4-24-14