

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 25, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 25, 2013 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. Johnny Kistler, a resident of Heard County, gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from March 28, 2013 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for the following amendments to New Business:

Item d. – Discuss Bids on Skid Steer for Public Works Department

Item e. – Discuss Bids on Mower and Gator for Recreation Department

Item f. – Discuss LMIG Proposals

Item g. – Discuss Appointment to Heard County Development Authority

Item h. – Discuss Summer Work Program – Mr. Mike Meredith, New Ventures, Inc.

Item i. – Discuss Advantage Tactical – Mr. Jim Peterson

Item j. – Discuss Insurance and Budget Work Sessions

Commissioner Allen asked for an amendment to New Business to add;

Item k. – Discuss Per Diem for Commissioners Travel

On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved these amendments.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Discuss Purchase of New Truck for Sheriff Henry –

Sheriff Ross Henry stated that he would like to purchase a new truck for himself and pass his truck along to one of the investigators. He presented three bids as follows:

Allan Vigil Ford, Morrow, GA	\$29,885.00
Pugmire Ford, Carrollton, GA	\$29,543.00
Brannen Motor Co., Unadilla, GA	\$29,620.00

Sheriff Henry recommended accepting the lowest bid and purchasing the truck from Pugmire Ford in Carrollton for \$29,543.00. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss Request from Community Action For Improvement (CAFI) – Chairman Boone

stated that Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) is requesting that Heard County allocate \$2,500.00 for utility assistance to Heard County residents. After much discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to discuss this in an upcoming budget work session before deciding to allocate these funds.

c. Discuss Equipment Surplus – Chairman Boone stated that Public Works Director, Darold

Wiggins has requested to declare surplus a 1991 Freightliner Road Tractor. He explained that this was replaced with the 1991 Freightliner army surplus tractor. He also stated that if the Board declares this surplus, he would then take bids on selling it. He also asked to declare surplus two 21 ft x 8 ft. long metal pipes. He stated that this pipe is an old rusted section of pipe removed from a road way that cannot be re-used. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss Bids on Skid Steer/Compact Track Loader – Chairman Boone stated that Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins has requested to purchase a skid steer/compact track loader.

The three bids are as follows:

CAT Model # 289C2 with no cab or air and a 84” bucket	\$52,868.00
CASE Model # TV 380 CTL	\$52,426.00
BOBCAT Model # T770	\$54,674.00

After some discussion, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to purchase the CAT skid steer at \$52,868.00 to be paid from SPLOST monies.

e. Discuss Bids on Mower and Gator for Recreation Department – Chairman Boone presented three bids on a new mower and a new gator for the recreation department. The bids were as follows:

Snead AG Supply & Svcs., Cartersville, Georgia	
John Deere 997 Commercial Mower	\$13,699.00
John Deere Gator TX	\$ 6,800.00
Coweta Power Equipment, Newnan, Georgia	
John Deere 997 Commercial Mower	\$13,311.56
John Deere Gator TX	\$ 6,870.26
SunSouth, LLC, Carrollton, Georgia	
John Deere 997 Commercial Mower	\$13,000.00
John Deere Gator TX	\$ 7,133.30

After much discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Crook) the Board voted 4 to 1 to take bids on different types of mowers before a purchase is made. Commissioner Allen, Crook, Caldwell and Hooks voted for the motion. Commissioner Cammon voted against the motion.

f. Discuss LMIG Bids – Chairman Boone stated that only two bids were received on the triple surface local road resurfacing projects and no bids were received on the single surface resurfacing. The bids for triple surface resurfacing were as follows:

Blount	\$346,999.97
C.W. Matthews	\$301,647.94

Chairman Boone explained that the LMIG monies were received from the DOT for this project in the amount of \$278,925.00. He stated that the remainder of this project will be funded with SPLOST monies as previously approved by the Board. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously accepted the low bid from C.W. Matthews at \$301,647.94.

g. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Development Authority – Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Mark Adams recently resigned his position on the Development Authority Board. The Development Authority Board has recommended Mrs. Hazel Reeves to finish out Mr. Adams term which will end on December 31, 2015. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

h. Discuss Workforce Development Program – Mr. Mike Meredith, New Ventures – Mr. Mike Meredith, Field Services Coordinator of Youth Services with New Ventures, Inc. introduced himself to the Board. He explained that New Ventures is currently working with the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board to provide training and work opportunities for specified youth in Heard County. He stated that he would be working closely with Mr. Rodney Kay, Principal at Heard County High School and Ms. Julie Pope, Executive Director of the Heard County Development Authority to provide the youth and employers for the youth; in Heard County. He stated he would like to thank Heard County for being a past supporter of

this program. He stated he would like for Heard County to continue to support this program and is looking forward to working with Heard County.

i. Discuss Advantage Tactical – Mr. Jim Peterson – Mr. Jim Peterson introduced himself and his partners to the Board. He explained that his company does much more than offer firearm lessons. They also offer CPR certification; teach survival skills such as purifying water and much more. Mr. Peterson expressed even though he thought he had followed all proper procedures in the past, he would like to move forward in completing the process in order to be able to proceed with his business. On motion (Crook) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously agreed to request the Planning Commission to move forward with the rezoning for this business. After further discussion, Chairman Boone stated to the Board that Mr. Peterson spoke with County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner about the Board possibly allowing him to continue operating his business during the rezoning process. On motion (Crook) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously agreed to have the County Attorney issue a letter to Mr. Peterson stating he could proceed with his business during the rezoning process.

j. Discuss Insurance and Budget Work Sessions – Chairman Boone stated that the Board would need to have a work session or called meeting to discuss the insurance for County employees and the 2013-2014 budget. He asked the Board to attend a called meeting on May 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. All agreed.

k. Discuss Per Diem for Commissioners Travel – Commissioner Allen stated that when she recently received her travel expense check for her training, there was no per diem for meals included. She stated that in 2009 the Board voted to raise the per diem payments for meals to \$40.00 a day for all County employees traveling to training. Chairman Boone stated that on many commissioner conferences and trainings, meals were provided and therefore he felt that

instead of per diem payments, commissioners should bring their receipts and be reimbursed if need be. After further discussion, Chairman Boone stated he would follow the current policy and pay Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Hooks their per diem payments for their upcoming scheduled training.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session - Chairman Boone asked the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate. On motion (Cammon) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate. On motion (Cammon) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session.

After Executive Session, Chairman Boone asked the Board to reconsider going forward with the purchase of the John Deere Gator TX for the recreation department. He explained that the lowest bid on a gator was from Coweta Power Equipment, Newnan, Georgia at \$6,870.26. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for April 25, 2013

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 5-6-13