

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 27, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on June 27, 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 – Public Hearing – a. Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Regarding Commercial Shooting Range – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. He explained that two ordinances for commercial shooting ranges are being submitted. One is from the Planning Commission and is the result of their meeting on June 6, 2013. The other is an ordinance much like the Planning Commission’s recommendation but in a more detailed version. He explained that the Board will vote to adopt one of the ordinances as is, to deny or to adopt with changes. He then opened the floor for any public comments. There being no public comments, Chairman Boone opened the floor to comments and questions from the Board. He did explain that the Planning Commission recommended forwarding the ordinance to the County Attorney, Ms. Jerry Ann Conner. Ms. Conner stated that she did make some additions/changes to the ordinance after the Planning Commission submitted it. Commissioner Allen stated that there are a lot of differences in required training for a P.O.S.T. certified training instructor versus the 9 hours of training required for a range safety officer. Ms. Conner explained that in the ordinance (page 4, section e) there is a provision for the “owners/operators to have on the premises at all times during range operation a range safety officer, a certified range instructor

by the National Rifle Association or a certified range instructor by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council.” Ms. Conner also explained another addition/change to the ordinance regarding noise reduction. She explained (page 4, section i) that “prior to submitting for the conditional use permit, applicant shall advise as to the standard of noise reduction possible and to what decibel level the proposed operation will create.” After some questions from Commissioner Crook regarding the range specifications, Ms. Conner explained that the National Rifle Association Range Source Book would be used as a guide to follow when constructing a range. Chairman Boone explained that the Board could inspect a site when and if someone applies for the development of a commercial shooting range. Ms. Conner stated that the Board can put other conditions on any applicant at that time also. Mr. Jim Peterson, 112 Double Tree Lane, Peachtree City, GA 30269 explained that the National Rifle Association specifications are designed where anyone who is an engineer can understand the written specifications to build a range. Commissioner Caldwell stated that he felt everything that needs to be addressed is covered in the submitted ordinance. There being no further discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4- Presentation of Service Award - Chairman Boone and the Board presented a plaque to Deputy John Cash for 20 years of service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Deputy Cash for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Hooks) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from May 23, 2013 as presented.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to include item – e – Discuss Bids on Equipment from Public Works Department. Commissioner Allen asked for an amendment to move Executive Session on the agenda, (to discuss personnel) before New Business item – b – Approve 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget. On motion (Crook) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved these amendments.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Approve Heard County Zoning Text Amendment – On motion (Caldwell) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to approve the text amendment as written by County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner with one correction to page 4 to correct “decimals” to “decibels”.

At this time, Commissioner Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Crook seconded; the Board unanimously approved. The Board entered into Executive Session.

On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session.

b. Approve 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget – On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget. Commissioner Allen stated that she felt the budget process went very well.

c. Discuss Program Management Contract – Chairman Boone explained that Mr. Kevin Hamby’s program management services contract will expire on June 30, 2013. He presented a 6 month renewal proposal to the Board. He explained that Mr. Hamby is the SPLOST advisor for Heard County and is a huge asset to Heard County. Commissioner Caldwell asked for an update on Mr. Hamby’s services to Heard County. Chairman Boone explained that along with

the SPLOST management services, Mr. Hamby is also heavily involved in the LMIG road projects with Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins stated that there are three bids just released for a total of \$1,000,000 of road work to be done. Mr. Hamby is critical in project oversight and drafting contracts for this project as well as any SPLOST project.

Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Hamby is very knowledgeable in County government in general. He recommended renewing the contract for the next 6 months at the cost not to exceed \$24,500.00. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to renew this contract and for Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the Board.

d. Approve Bids on Carpet for Courthouse – Chairman Boone stated that he recently asked for bids on replacing the carpet in the courthouse entrance and hallways. The bids received were as follows:

Dalton Carpet Outlet, Carrollton, Georgia	-	\$3,547.37
Kemp's Carpets, Inc., LaGrange, Georgia	-	\$4,992.62
Dalton West of Newnan, Inc., Newnan, Georgia	-	\$3,485.60

He stated that each bid included a 10 year commercial wear warranty. He also stated that the installation would be done on one weekend and that Mr. Jeff Gilbert; Courthouse Maintenance would be here the entire time. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the bid from Dalton West of Newnan in the amount of \$3,485.60 to be paid from SPLOST funds.

e. Discuss Bids on Equipment from Public Works Department – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director presented three bids on a motor grader. He explained that one of the County's current motor graders needs to be replaced. He presented three bids as follows:

Flint Equipment Company – John Deere brand	-	\$217,269.00
Yancey – Caterpillar brand	-	\$217,842.00
Komatsu	-	\$232,000.00

He explained that Yancey has offered to take the County’s current motor grader on a trade in for \$87,800.00. If the County chooses to do that, the cost of the new Caterpillar motor grader would be reduced to \$130,042.00. He also discussed leasing a motor grader as an option. He did state that after his operators tested all three motor graders they concurred that the John Deere motor grader is the preferred equipment. He did state that he has not received a trade in value from John Deere on the County’s current motor grader. After much discussion, it was decided that Mr. Wiggins would speak with Flint Equipment about the possibility of a trade in and will bring this back to the Board.

At this time, Chairman Boone asked the Board to amend the agenda to include – f – Discuss Human Resources. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this amendment.

f. – Discuss Human Resources – Chairman Boone stated that for the last six months he realized that the County needs a Human Resources department. He stated that currently Patty Jiles does the human resources as well as the county clerk business. He stated that she does approximately 95% human resources and 5% county clerk business. He recommended effective July 1, 2013 changing Ms. Jiles title to Director of Human Resources and appointing her to that position. She will remain as County Clerk also. On motion (Allen) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments – Mrs. Jody Jones, resident at 2168 Joe Stephens Road, Franklin, Georgia discussed the County’s campsites and camping ordinance. She asked the Board to consider changing the ordinance back to the original ordinance dated November, 2011. She stated that there is a gentleman on Joe Stephens Road that is living in a camper on his property that is next door to property her parents own. She stated that this was not allowed under the old ordinance but when the ordinance was recently changed it states he can now have a permit for 12 months. After much discussion, Chairman Boone stated that he and the County Attorney and Codes Enforcement Officer, Robert Nelms would look into this matter.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for June 27, 2013

Patty A. Jiles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 7-25-13