

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2012 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a called Commissioners Meeting on January 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse to discuss legal matters, set the commission meeting dates, time and place for 2012 and any other matters they wish to discuss in open session. In attendance at the meeting were Commission Chair June Jackson, District 1 Commissioner Karen Isenhower, District 2 Commissioner Jacob Cammon, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, and District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Mr. Darold Wiggins gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 - Amend Agenda –Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to New Business to include a discussion of 1099 salaried employees. Commission Chair Jackson stated this would be a personnel matter and would need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments – Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public comments. There were no public comments.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Discuss Equipment Purchase or Repair – Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director – Mr. Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director stated to the Board that he recently had to put his truck that pulls his equipment out of service. He explained that one of the rear ends has gone out of this truck and it will cost approximately \$4,000 to repair. He explained that that is only the estimate for one of the

rear ends. He stated that the other rear end also needs to be replaced before it goes out and that the total to fix this truck could be as much as \$8,000. He explained that this truck is only worth anywhere from \$4,900 to \$6,800 and has approximately 1,000,000 miles on it. He expressed his concern with putting this much into such an old truck that is not even worth the amount of the repairs. He stated that he will have money for a new truck when the continuation of current SPLOST monies is collected in 2013 but until then he needs a way to haul his equipment from job to job. He asked the Board to approve him buying a tag along trailer to be used with a dump truck in order to have a way to move his equipment. He explained that he can purchase a used 2008 tag along trailer for \$16,500 plus a hitch for approximately \$1,000. He stated this would also allow him more time to find another truck. After some discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Cammon) the Board unanimously approved for Mr. Wiggins to purchase the tag along trailer and hitch.

b. Discuss Appointment of County Attorney for 2012 – Commission Chair Jackson stated that there had been some interest expressed in changing county attorneys in 2012. She explained that one concern is the current county attorney Jerry Ann Conner also represents the Heard County Development Authority and the Heard County Water Authority. She stated that recently she, Commissioner Allen and County Clerk Patty Jiles visited with Mr. Jeff Todd of Lewis, Taylor and Todd, P.C. in LaGrange and discussed the possible position with him. She stated that Mr. Todd was interested in the position but he does have a prior commitment on the 4th Tuesday of each month. She stated if the Board does hire Mr. Todd they would also need to change their meeting days to the 4th Thursday of each month to accommodate Mr. Todd's schedule. After further discussion, Commissioner Allen made a motion to hire Mr. Jeff Todd as the new county attorney and

to allow Ms. Conner an opportunity to decline reappointment. She stated she believed it was in the best interest of Heard County to have an attorney that does not represent other entities in the county. Commissioner Crook seconded. The motion passed 4 to 1.

Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Cammon and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion stating she had not had an opportunity to meet Mr. Todd in person.

c. Set Commission Meeting Dates, Time and Place for 2012 – Commission Chair

Jackson asked the Board to change their meeting dates to the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Heard County courthouse to accommodate Mr. Jeff Todd's schedule. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – Commissioner Isenhower asked for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that a personnel issue was discussed in Executive Session with no decisions made.

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