

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. 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, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Allen gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Invited Guests – Mr. Robert Nichols, From the Office of Congressman Lynn Westmoreland** – Mr. Robert Nichols introduced himself to the Board. He commented to the Board to feel free to contact him or Congressman Westmoreland anytime for anything they may help Heard County with.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Presentation to Mr. Robert Nelms** - Commission Chair Jackson on behalf of the Board, presented a plaque to Mr. Robert Nelms for 30 years of service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Mr. Nelms for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from January 13, 2011 as presented.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda** – Commission Chair Jackson made a motion to add “b” – “Discuss Purchase of Copiers” to New Business. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this amendment. Commissioner Isenhower made a motion to add Whitlock Drive to Old Business. There being no second, the motion died on the table.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments** – Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public comments. Mr. Russ Massa, 115 Sargent Circle, Franklin, spoke regarding Agenda Item # 7, Public Comments, Agenda Item # 5 – Minutes regarding the Board of Commissioner meeting minutes on the Heard County website and Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – d. Discuss Commission Meeting Dates for 2011.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Approve Pay Request for Glover Road**

**Gymnasium Renovations – Mr. Kevin Hamby** – Mr. Kevin Hamby presented pay request # 2 from Earley Construction on the Glover Road Gymnasium Renovations in the amount of \$11,611.00. Mr. Hamby reviewed Mr. Earley’s work earlier today and approved this request. On motion (Crook) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request and for this invoice to be paid from insurance proceeds received that are in the general fund account.

**b. Approve Pay Request for Dugout Roof Additions – Mr. Kevin Hamby** – Mr.

Hamby presented pay request # 2 from Earley Construction on the Dugout Roof Additions at the Sports Complex in the amount of \$26,650.00. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board voted to approve this request with four votes for the approval and one abstaining. Commissioner Cammon, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Crook and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower abstained from voting on this motion stating it was nothing personal against Mr. Earley but she felt this work should have been done in the original contract of the Sports Complex.

**c. Approval Program Management for Heard County – Mr. Kevin Hamby –**

Commission Chair Jackson stated that a proposal in the amount of \$20,000 for the period of January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011, has been submitted for Program Management for the Heard County SPLOST projects. This will be a renewal of Mr. Kevin Hamby's contract. She explained that with the renewal of the SPLOST and LOST coming up, Mr. Hamby's knowledge will be very valuable to Heard County in the coming months. At the last meeting, it was discussed that Mr. Hamby may work on other projects besides SPLOST projects therefore; his contract may need to be amended. After speaking with Mr. Hamby, he explained the contract is written this way so he can be paid out of the SPLOST account. If he handles other projects for Heard County, it will be at no charge. Mr. Hamby confirmed this. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve this contract. Commissioner Cammon, Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

**d. Discuss Commission Meeting Dates for 2011 – Commissioner Isenhower -**

Commissioner Isenhower requested changing the commission meeting day to a different day so it would not conflict with the Board of Education board meetings. She stated that she had had several requests from citizens for this change. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated she would have a conflict with the first and third Tuesday of each month as she is already committed to scheduled meetings on these days. Commissioner Crook stated that citizens have two opportunities a month to come to a Commission meeting and he did not want to change the current schedule. After further discussion, Commission Chair Jackson agreed to speak with Heard County Board of Education Superintendent,

Mr. Jerry Prince about the possibility of the Board of Education moving their meetings to a different day.

**e. Discuss Compensation for Heard County Water Authority Board – Mr. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director, Heard County Water Authority** – Mr. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director of the Heard County Water Authority asked the Board to approve a resolution to allow the Heard County Water Authority Board members to receive compensation for their meetings. He stated that he is asking for a unanimous vote by the Board of Commissioners so he may proceed with local legislation to have this resolution enacted. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**f. Request from Robin Arrington, 1349 Thomas Street, Ephesus** – Did not attend meeting. Item not addressed.

**Agenda Item # 9 – New Business – a. Discuss Economic Development in Heard County – Mr. Emmett Harrod, Chairman and Ms. Julie Pope, Executive Director, Heard County Development Authority** – Postponed.

**b. Discuss Purchase of Copiers** – Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board for a decision on purchasing four previously leased copiers at the cost of \$3,200.00 each. She explained that these copiers are valued at \$16,000.00 each. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved purchasing four copiers at \$3,200.00 each and for this to be paid from the contingency line item.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Executive Session** – None.

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