

**HEARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 27, 2009 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 Lee Boone, 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. Kim Kimmel, County Auditor – Mr. Kim Kimmel, County Auditor presented the 2008 audit for the Board to review. He stated that the County did remain within budget and received a clean opinion on the financials. He asked the Board to review the audit and if they have any questions, he will be glad to address them at a later date.

Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from January 13, 2009 as presented.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments – Mr. Pierce Guillebeau, Thompson Road, addressed the Board regarding the proposed bike trail on Highway 100 behind the Heard County Arena. Mr. Paul King, 1206 Ferry Road, addressed the Board with county concerns.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Appoint County Auditor for 2009 – Commission Chair Jackson recommended that Mr. Kim Kimmel be appointed as County Auditor for 2009 at a renewal price of \$22,750.00. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Boone), the Board

unanimously voted to accept Commission Chair Jackson's recommendation and appoint Mr. Kim Kimmel as County Auditor for 2009 at a cost of \$22,750.00.

b. Discuss Appointments to Heard County Recreation Board - Commission Chair Jackson stated that Commissioner Boone and Commissioner Caldwell would need to make an appointment to the Recreation Board. She explained that this appointment will last through the Commissioner's term, either two years or four years. Commissioner Boone appointed Ms. Judy Posey as the representative for District 2. Commissioner Caldwell appointed Mr. Tim Caldwell as the representative for District 3. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board accepted these recommendations.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Bond Investments – Felicia Adams,

Finance Director – Ms. Felicia Adams, Finance Director presented three investment options to the Board regarding the SPLOST money for the Sports Complex and the EMA projects. She explained that the B B & T 90 day certificate renews on January 29, 2009. The options were as follows:

Local Government Investment Pool	-	.75%
First Georgia	-	.40%
B B & T	-	.29%

She made a recommendation to the Board to transfer the money to the Local Government Investment Pool at an interest rate of .75%. She stated that this fund is liquid and is offering a higher yield. She stated that after she meets with Kevin Hamby of Clough Harbour to discuss a time table with cash requirements for the projects pending, she will be able to obtain quotes and complete a proposed investment summary for the Board to review at their

February 24th meeting. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

b. Discuss Lights for Cell Tower – Chief Scott Blue – Chief Scott Blue presented a bid on replacing the lights on the cell tower located on Franklin Parkway. He explained that the current lights would be replaced with Luxeon LED beacons and side markers, which use approximately 90% less electricity and have a service life from 7 to 12 years. The quote of \$14,866.80 includes the lights and installation and can be paid from the WARRS SPLOST monies. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this bid.

c. Discuss Indigent Burials – Kathie Buchanan, Coroner – Heard County Coroner, Kathie Buchanan, addressed the Board to discuss increasing the County's contribution for indigent burials in Heard County. She asked the Board to please consider increasing the current amount of \$250.00 per burial. Commission Chair Jackson suggested that County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner research this and report back to the Board. All agreed.

d. Approve District 1 Commissioners Travel Expenses – Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board to approve mileage expenses in the amount of \$116.60 for Commissioner Isenhower. She stated this is for a trip to an ACCG class in Macon on January 16th. On motion (Crook) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this request.

e. Discuss Reimbursement to Commissioners for Travel Expenses – Commission Chair Jackson recommended to the Board that they approve mileage and meal expenses for schools and classes for the Commissioners as a blanket approval. She explained that we use mapquest to calculate the mileage there and back and the meal per diem is \$40.00 per day, which the Board previously approved. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board discussed personnel in Executive Session.

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