

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 29, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 29, 2012 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 Jeff Todd. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Mr. Johnny Kistler gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 - Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 25, 2012 as presented.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda** – Commission Chair Jackson requested amending New Business to add “e – Discuss Short Term Work Program”. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request. Commissioner Isenhower made a motion to add “f – Discuss Events at Arena”. Commissioner Cammon seconded the motion and the motion carried on a 3 to 2 vote. Commissioner Isenhower, Cammon and Caldwell voted for the amendment. Commissioner Allen and Crook voted against the motion.

**Agenda Item # 5 – 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 # 6 – Old Business – a. Leave Sharing Policy Clarification** – Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board to clarify if their intent was to approve or disapprove the donated leave time to an employee or should that be at the Commission Chair’s discretion. Commissioner Crook stated that he did not feel that it was necessary

for the Board to approve the donated leave only for the Board to be notified. All agreed. County Attorney, Jeff Todd will revise the policy.

**b. Discuss PILT Agreements** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that she recently spoke with Bryan Huskey from Merchant Capital regarding the PILT agreements and he advised her that it is possible to revise these agreements if all parties involved agree to do so. She stated that the Development Authority, the Board of Commissioners and the utility companies would all have to agree to this. She stated that her intent was for the Board of Education to get part of the PILT monies. The current agreements are written for the Development Authority to get all the money during the term of the contract. After further discussion, it was agreed to leave these agreements as they stand now with no changes.

**c. Discuss Renewal of Kevin Hamby's Contract** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Hamby's contract with Heard County will expire on December 31, 2012 and the Board would need to discuss renewing his contract. Mr. Hamby explained that he is currently working on the LOST negotiations, the LMIG project, closing the existing SPLOST and bonds, working on the new SPLOST and closing out the Notnomis Road project. Commissioner Isenhower stated that she felt the county finance director and county public works director should be able to handle these projects and that the County should not renew Mr. Hamby's contract for another six months. Commissioner Caldwell stated that with new administration coming in January, that Mr. Hamby's contract should be renewed. On motion (Crook) and second (Cammon), the Board voted 4 to 1 to renew Mr. Hamby's contract for another six months in the amount of \$24,500.00.

Commissioners Allen, Crook, Caldwell and Cammon voted for the motion.

Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Appointments to Heard County**

**Development Authority** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that The Development Authority of Heard County has recommended reappointments of Mr. Chuck Stephens, Mr. Grady Woodruff, Mr. Mark Adams, Mr. Leighton Alston and Mr. Skip Jones to the Development Authority Board for the next four years. Their terms will be expiring on December 31, 2012. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to reappoint all the Development Authority members requested.

**b. Discuss Request from Heard County Board of Health** – Commission Chair Jackson stated the Heard County Board of Health has requested that the Board of Commissioners approve their recommendation to increase their fee for an initial commercial pool permit to \$250.00 and the annual inspection fee of a commercial pool permit to \$150.00. After some discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to deny this request.

**c. Discuss Appointment of Non-Public Member to Three Rivers Regional**

**Commission** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the non-public member on the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission needs to be reappointed. She stated this non-public member is Ms. Kathy Knowles and she has agreed to serve another term if the Board approves. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board voted 4 to 1 to re-appoint Ms. Kathy Knowles to this Board. Commissioners Allen, Crook, Caldwell and Cammon voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

Also, Commission Chair Jackson recommended to the Board to appoint the incoming Commission Chair, Mr. Lee Boone to the Three Rivers Regional Commission Board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**d. Discuss Excise Tax** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board would need to decide on whether or not to participate in the excise tax. Mr. Kevin Hamby explained that the County could possibly benefit from not implementing an excise tax. He explained that this could actually encourage businesses to come to unincorporated Heard County. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously voted to not participate in the excise tax.

**e. Discuss Short Term Work Program** – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Heard County Short Term Work Program for 2012-2016 would need to be approved and submitted to Department of Community Affairs in order for Heard County to maintain their qualified local government (QLG) status. Commissioner Caldwell stated that he would like more time to review the plan and asked that a decision on this be postponed until a later date. This item was postponed.

**f. Discuss Arena Events** – Commissioner Isenhower asked for an update on the status of the Cowboy Day event that was scheduled at the arena several months ago. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the gentleman in charge of the event suddenly passed away and the event has been cancelled. She stated that Chuck Stephens would be returning the unused fees that the County contributed for the event.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session** – None.

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