

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 23, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 23, 2010 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 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 4 Commissioner, Frank Crook was unable to attend. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Mr. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director of the Heard County Water Authority gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation to Mr. Edward Bryan – Commission Chair Jackson on behalf of the Board, presented a retirement plaque to Mr. Edward Bryan, with the Heard County EMA Department, for 25 years of service to Heard County. The entire board thanked Mr. Bryan for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board approved the minutes from March 9, 2010 with corrections.

Agenda Item # 6 – Public Comments – Chief Scott Blue and several employees from Heard County EMA, and Chris Acosta with Heard County 911 all thanked the Board for the new EMA Headquarters facility and 911 Center. Commissioner Isenhower spoke during public comments regarding the condition of roads in the County. Mrs. Martha Bennett, 1103 Minardi Drive, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Whitlock Drive.

Agenda Item # 7 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to Old Business to include “d – Agenda Results from March 9th Meeting” and two

amendments to New Business to include “b – Correction to Public Hearing on March 9th” and “c – Discuss Georgia Trend Magazine Article.” Commissioner Isenhower made a motion to amend the agenda. There was no second. The motion died on the table for the lack of a second. Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to New Business to include “b – Discuss Request from Heard County Water Authority”. On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board voted 3 to 1 to accept this amendment. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Approve Pay Requests for Fire Administration

Facility - Commission Chair Jackson presented pay request # 7 from New South Construction for the Fire Administration Facility in the amount of \$97,432.57 and pay request # 8 from New South Construction for the Fire Administration Facility in the amount of \$113,839.85. She stated that pay request # 8 is the final retainage amount owed on this project. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board voted 3 to 1 to pay these requests. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion stating that she was concerned about releasing the retainage money on this project. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the warranty period now begins on this project.

b. Discuss Scoreboards at Sports Complex – David Julien – David Julien, Director of the Heard County Parks and Recreation presented three bids on the scoreboard installation at the Sports Complex. The bids were as follows:

Hannah Electric Company, Carrollton, Georgia	-	\$27,813.00
Rivers Edge Water Jet, Franklin, Georgia	-	\$16,980.00

United Electrical & Mechanical, Inc., Lagrange, Georgia - \$45,847.00

After some discussion, Mr. Julien recommended excepting the bid from Hannah Electric for \$27,813.00. He explained that only two of the three bidders, bid on completing the entire job. One bidder only bid on putting up the scoreboards, not wiring them. He explained that if the original electrical contractor does not provide the disconnects and step down transformers necessary at each scoreboard, that Hannah Electric would do this also for an additional cost of \$6,092.00. On motion (Boone) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved the bid from Hannah Electric to install the scoreboards and to also provide the additional items needed at the cost of \$6,092.00 if the original contractor does not come back to complete these items.

c. Approve Budget Amendments – Felicia Adams – Felicia Adams, Finance Director asked for the Board to approve two budget amendments. The first amendment is to amend the group insurance line item for the roads department, the arena department and the senior center department in the amount of \$37,350.14 from the contingency line item from the general administration budget. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board voted 3 to 1 to accept this budget amendment. Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Caldwell, and Commissioner Allen voted for the motion. Commissioner Isenhower voted against the motion. The second amendment is to amend the budget for the monies received for flood damage to Riverside Park and various other roads throughout the County, in the amount of \$266,081.93. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this budget amendment.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Request from Heard County

Development Authority – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Heard County

Development Authority has requested that a member of the School Board be appointed to the Development Authority. Jerry Ann Conner, County Attorney stated that if the Board wishes to do this she will draft a resolution for their approval at the next meeting.

Commissioner Isenhower expressed her concern that the Board of Education and the County are totally separate entities and therefore why is the Development Authority asking the Board of Commissioners to approve a School Board member to be on the Development Authority Board. Mrs. Conner explained that it would be a Board of Commissioners decision as to whether or not to amend the number of members on the Development Authority Board. She stated she would bring this back to the Board at the next meeting.

b. Request from Heard County Water Authority – Mr. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director of the Heard County Water Authority explained to the Board that the Water Authority would like to construct a booster pump station located at the Corinth Fire Station for fire protection purposes. He asked the Board to grant the Water Authority a 20 foot utility easement for this purpose. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approve this request.

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

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