

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on August 25, 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 # 8 – New Business – c. Approve MDA Proclamation - Chief Scott Blue and several MDA representatives, presented the Board with a proclamation to declare the month of September Heard County Firefighter Appreciation Month. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this proclamation

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation to Mr. Jerry Daniel – Commission Chair Jackson, on behalf of herself and the Board, presented a plaque to Mr. Jerry Daniel in recognition of 35 years of loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from August 11, 2009 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Update on Heard County Sports Complex, EMA Headquarters, and the Roosterville Fire Station – Kevin Hamby - Mr. Kevin Hamby with Clough Harbour & Associates reported that he met with Sports Turf today to discuss final closeout issues on the Sports Complex. Mr. Hamby also gave an update on

the EMA Headquarters. He stated that New South Construction should be setting the trusses later this week and the brick work should be starting soon. He stated that the project is on schedule. Mr. Hamby stated that the Roosterville Fire Station is also on schedule and he expects this project to be finished by late September or early October. Commissioner Caldwell asked Mr. Hamby if he could predict any unexpected expenses on the EMA Headquarters project. Mr. Hamby stated no, the budget prepared on this project includes all furniture and expenses, where the recreation complex project did not. Commissioner Allen thanked Mr. Hamby for managing this project for Heard County.

b. Approve Pay Requests for Fire Administration Facility and Transportation

Engineering Services – Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request from Clough Harbour and Associates for the engineering services related to the fire administration facility in the amount of \$2,000.00. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this request. Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request from Clough Harbour and Associates for transportation engineering services for local culvert replacement projects at Deer Creek and Denny Creek in the amount of \$4,348.01. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this pay request.

c. Approve Pay Request for Roosterville Fire Station – Commission Chair Jackson presented an invoice on the Roosterville Fire Station from the contractor Mark and Mickey Cook in the amount of \$114,744.01 for approval. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to approve this invoice.

d. Discuss Bids on Wiring for Scoreboards – David Julien – David Julien stated that after asking two companies to bid on the wiring needed for the scoreboards, he

discovered that the wiring may have been in Sports Turf's contract for them to provide this wiring. He stated that Mr. Kevin Hamby was in the process of researching this and would get back to him later this week. Mr. Julien also presented three bids on two 500-lb. ice machines for the recreation complex concession stands. The bids were as follows:

Southern Service Refrigeration, Carrollton	-	\$6,876.00
Commercial Refrigeration, LaGrange	-	\$6,960.00
Al's Appliance and Refrigeration, LaGrange	-	\$8,414.32

On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously voted to accept the low bid from Southern Service Refrigeration in Carrollton at the price of \$6,876.00 for two 500-lb. ice machines.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Non-Conforming Use Application –

Teddy Fincher, 232 Abner Road – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Teddy Fincher of 232 Abner Road has applied for a medical hardship to live temporarily in a 2005 Salem 32 foot RV. Mr. Fincher explained that his house burned in April of 2009 and he had very little insurance and could not afford to replace his house. He explained that he was scheduled for surgery in the near future and it would depend on how well the surgery went as to how long he might be living in the RV, but he did not expect it to be longer than a year to a year and a half. After much discussion, on motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to allow Mr. Fincher to live in the RV temporarily for six months and for him to return to the Board at the end of the six months for his situation to be reviewed and a report made to the Commissioners as to his status.

b. Discuss Request from Coweta Festivals – Carol Chancy, Coweta Festivals – Ms.

Carol Chancy the director of Coweta Festivals stated to the Board that Coweta Festivals would like to begin utilizing the fairgrounds with other activities. She stated that the park would like to begin holding concerts inside the park. She asked the Board to consider allowing them to serve alcohol by the drink inside the park. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that Heard County has no provisions at all for a pouring license. She did state that the Board could consider permitting this as a special events permit and there could be ways to regulate the activities inside the park. After much discussion, on motion (Isenhower) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously voted for County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner to research this and report back to the Board.

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

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