

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on September 27, 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. Chief Scott Blue gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation to Mrs. Darlene Shoemake – Commission Chair Jackson on behalf of the Board, presented a plaque to Mrs. Darlene Shoemake for 20 years of service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Mrs. Shoemake for her loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from August 23, 2011 with changes.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda - Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to Old Business to add “a” – Discuss Surplus Equipment. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously voted to approve this request.

Commission Chair Jackson asked for an amendment to New Business to add “e” – Discuss Water Ban. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to approve this request. Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to New Business to add “f” – Discuss County Credit Cards. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Cammon), the motion failed on a 2 to 3 vote. Commissioner Isenhower and

Commissioner Cammon voted for the motion. Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell and Commissioner Allen voted against the motion. Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to New Business to add “g” – Discuss Open Records Law. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Cammon), the motion failed on a 2 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Isenhower and Commissioner Cammon voted for the motion.

Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell and Commissioner Allen voted against the motion. Commissioner Isenhower asked for an amendment to New Business to add a discussion regarding reimbursing her for copies obtained through open records requests from the Commissioner’s office and for mileage reimbursement for the trips back and forth to the Commissioner’s office. Commissioner Isenhower made this motion which did not get a second. This motion died on the table.

Agenda Item # 6 – Public Comments – Commission Chair Jackson opened public comments and reviewed the public meeting rules and regulations, regarding public comments. Mr. Charles Cummings, 1206 Ferry Road, Franklin, spoke regarding Agenda Item # 6, Public Comments. After Mr. Cummings was interrupted by Commission Chair Jackson for disparaging remarks, Commissioner Isenhower asked if she could go back and amend the agenda to discuss public comments. Commissioner Isenhower made this motion and Commissioner Cammon seconded. The motion failed on a 2 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Isenhower and Commissioner Cammon voted for the motion.

Commissioner Crook, Commissioner Caldwell and Commissioner Allen voted against the motion.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – a. Discuss Surplus Equipment – Commission Chair Jackson asked the Board to approve to surplus five metal desks, two wooden desks

and one hutch that is stored at the Road department. She explained that these desks are old desks that are not being used by any County office. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Proclamation for National 4-H Week – Mrs.

Dinah Rowe, Heard County Extension Coordinator and 4-H Agent – Mrs. Dinah Rowe, Heard County Extension Coordinator and 4-H Agent asked the Board to approve a proclamation proclaiming the week of October 3 -7, 2011 to be Heard County 4-H Week. Miss Gracie Rowe a junior at Heard County High School and an active 4-H member spoke to the Board about what 4-H means to her and what she is and has been involved in with the 4-H programs. On motion (Crook) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss Appointments to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Mr. Kevin Hayes term on the Board of Tax Assessors expired on September 22, 2011. This position represents District 4 and is for a three year term. Mrs. Lana Bussey's term also expired on September 22, 2011. She was completing the term of Mrs. Mary Rivers and Mr. Fred Cooke for District 3. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously reappointed Mrs. Lana Bussey. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously appointed Mrs. Cindy Putzek to represent District 4.

c. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Development Authority – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board would need to make an appointment to the Heard County Development Authority to replace Mr. Terry Harper. She stated that she spoke with Mr. Leighton Austin a resident of Heard County who would be willing to serve on

this board. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously appointed Mr. Leighton Austin to the Development Authority.

d. Discuss Budget Amendment for Heard County Jail – Mrs. Felicia Adams, Finance Director asked the Board to approve a budget amendment for the Heard County Jail’s fiscal year 2011-2012 budget to amend medical expenses for inmates. She stated that during the budget work sessions the Sheriff did not anticipate an increase in the medical expenses for inmates but when the Correct Health agreement was renewed on September 1, 2011 there was a \$3,542.00 increase. She asked the Board to approve this amendment and sign the budget revision resolution. Commissioner Crook asked Mrs. Adams to make sure this service is bid out next year before the budget numbers are prepared. All agreed. On motion (Allen) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

e. Discuss Water Ban – Mr. Jimmy Knight, Executive Director, Heard County Water Authority explained to the Board that due to the continued lack of rain in Heard County, the Heard County Water Authority is forced to implement a total outdoor water use ban. He explained that this ban applies to all residential and commercial customers of the Water Authority. He stated that twenty-seven other counties in Georgia have applied for stricter water bans. On motion (Allen) and second (Cammon) the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item #9 – Executive Session – None.

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