

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 29, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 29, 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 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 – Guests – Mr. Tom Queen, Georgia Department Of

Transportation – Mr. Tom Queen, a representative from the Georgia Department of Transportation presented the Board with a draft of the state transportation improvement program for Heard County for FY 2011-2014 (see attached documents).

Agenda Item # 4 – Presentation to Mr. Larry Denney - Commission Chair Jackson on behalf of the Board, presented a plaque to Mr. Larry Denney, with the Heard County Sheriff's Office, for 20 years of service to Heard County. The entire board thanked Mr. Denney for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Hearings – a. Application to Amend Zoning Map –

Audrey Chambers, 2722 Roosterville Road, Roopville, Georgia 30170 - Commission Chair Jackson opened the public hearing for Ms. Audrey Chambers. She read Ms. Chamber's request to rezone 5 acres from agriculture to rural development for the purpose of adding a manufactured home. She noted that the Planning Commission recommended approving this request. Ms. Chambers stated that she is requesting this change to place a double wide manufactured home on 2 acres. She stated the present

house would remain on 3 acres. She explained she needs to do this because she is getting a divorce and she needs a place to live. There being no further comments or questions, on motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

b. Application for Special Use for a Communication Tower – American Tower

Corporation, Location Address – Georgia Highway 34 East – Commission Chair

Jackson opened the public hearing for Mr. Jay Sanders from the American Tower Corporation. She read Mr. Sanders' request for a special use for a communication tower to be located on a 77 acre tract of agriculture property on Georgia Highway 34 east, across from the entrance of Greenwood Lake. This property is owned by Mr. Thomas Miller. Mr. Sanders stated that this tower would be built for AT&T but other carriers would be able to co-locate on this tower. Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Caldwell encouraged American Tower Corporation to survey other parts of the county for a possible tower, also. There being no further comments or questions, on motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 6 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board approved the minutes from April 13, 2010 as presented.

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 9 – Old Business – a. Discuss Yates Lane – Commission Chair Jackson stated that in a previous work session, the Board agreed to pave Yates Lane from Myrl Road to Yates Lane and then south on Yates Lane. She requested that Heard County enter into a memorandum of understanding with Carroll County for this work. She stated that

Carroll County has agreed to paving this road and for Carroll County to bill Heard County for the Heard County portion of the paving. She explained that the right of way deeds will need to be secured after the contract with Carroll County is accepted. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously voted to move forward with this project and for the paving to be paid from SPLOST monies.

Agenda Item # 10 – New Business – a. Decision on Public Hearing – Application to Amend Zoning Map – On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation on this application.

b. Decision on Public Hearing – Application for Special Use – On motion (Isenhower) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation on this application.

c. Discuss Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – Commission Chair Jackson presented an agreement with Tanner Health System to provide an Employee Assistance Program to all Heard County employees. She explained that this program would allow Heard County employees to have access to a private employee assistance program if needed. After some discussion, on motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into this agreement with Tanner Health System.

d. Discuss Request from Sheriff’s Office – Captain Jane Olinger – Captain Jane Olinger presented two bids on equipment for the two new patrol cars purchased in March, 2010 (see attached). She recommended accepting the bid from S & S Electronics at the cost of \$25,014.00 for two vehicles. She also asked the Board to approve the purchase of two shotguns for these vehicles, at the cost of \$469.95 per shotgun from Clyde Armory

and to approve the lettering and graphics for the patrol cars at the cost of \$325.00 per vehicle from The Sign Source. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 11 – Executive Session - Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board discussed potential litigation in Executive Session.

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