

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – Request to Amend Zoning – Mr. Jeff Langley, 3180 Star Point Road, Franklin, GA** – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Jeff Langley is requesting 15 acres, located on Star Point Road, be rezoned from rural development to agriculture for the purpose of building a barn and having cattle on the property. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to change the zoning classification as requested. Mr. Langley stated that he is requesting this change so he can build a barn and put cattle on this property. There being no public comments and no comments from the Board, Chairman Boone closed the public hearing.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes** - On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from March 28, 2017.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda** – Chairman Boone asked to amend New Business to include **f – Contract with Bank of the Ozarks** and **g – Discuss Healthcare Proposals**. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Decision on Request to Amend Zoning** – On motion (Denney) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously accepted the Planning Commission’s recommendation to change zoning from rural development to agriculture for Mr. Jeff Langley.

**b. Discuss Appointment to The Development Authority of Heard County** – Mr. Chad Wood’s term on the Development Authority Board expired on April 13, 2017. At their last meeting, the Development Authority recommended reappointing Mr. Wood. On motion (Denney) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously reappointed Mr. Wood.

**c. Discuss Appointment to West Georgia Broadband Joint Development Authority Board** - The Development Authority recently advised that Ms. Julie Pope’s term of appointment to the West Georgia Broadband Joint Development Authority Board expired on March 28, 2017. The Development Authority Board voted to recommend Ms. Kathy Knowles to replace Ms. Pope. On motion (Denney) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**d. Discuss Appointment to Greater West Georgia Regional Joint Development Authority** – The Development Authority recently recommended appointing Mr. Terry Harper to the Greater West Georgia Regional Joint Development Authority. Mr. Harper will replace Mr. Chad Wood as a voting member of this Authority. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**e. Award Bid on Surplus Engine** – At the meeting on March 28, 2017, the Board agreed to surplus a Caterpillar 3406 diesel engine. Chairman Boone stated that he received two bids on this engine. The bids were as follows:

1) Dean Shelnett - \$2,500.00

2) Jason Roberts - \$1,800.00

On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously awarded the bid to Mr. Dean Shelnett for \$2,500.00.

**f. Contract with Bank of the Ozarks** – Chairman Boone stated that the new administration building should be completed by mid-July. He stated he anticipates the administration offices to be ready to move shortly after that. He explained that when the administration offices move out of the courthouse, the remaining offices will need to be relocated to allow for the remodeling of the courthouse. He stated he spoke with the Bank of the Ozarks about renting the top of their building to possibly move Probate, Registrar and Clerk of Court offices to this location. He stated that Heard County Magistrate and Heard Public Defender’s office will be moving to the Heard County Health Department. He also stated that the District Attorney’s office has communicated to the City of Franklin about renting some space from the City for their offices. After further discussion, on motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved for Chairman Boone to sign a lease, after legal review, with the Bank of Ozarks for the top portion of their building at the cost of \$1,000.00 a month.

**g. Discuss Healthcare Proposals** – Chairman Boone stated that at an earlier Board work session held with the County’s insurance brokers, the Board reviewed several health insurance options. Chairman Boone recommended accepting the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Option #1 with an HSA option. (see attached). On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business** – None

**Agenda Item # 8 - Public Comments** – Mr. Bob Patel of County Line One Stop asked the Board to allow a liquor referendum be put on the next ballot. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that she would come back to the Board at the next meeting to discuss this process.

**Agenda Item # 9 - Executive Session** – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_