

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 20, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on February 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks was unable to attend in person, but called in by phone. County Attorney Michael Hill was also present at the meeting.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag

Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present, and gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes

- a. **The minutes from the January 17, 2023, regular Commissioner’s meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023, regular Commissioner’s Meeting as written.**

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda

Chairman Boone stated that he needed an amendment to add Invited Guests to the agenda. Commissioner Boone stated that he would like to amend the agenda to discuss Old Business before New Business. There being no further amendments, on a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add Invited Guests and to discuss Old Business before New Business on the agenda.

Agenda Item # 5 – Invited Guests

Mr. Ryck Morales with the Small Business Administration discussed Disaster Loans that were available to residents and business owners in the area. Chairman Boone thanked Mr. Morales for attending and the information he provided.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business

- a. Decision on Board Appointment to Water Authority – Commissioner Hammond expressed his appreciation to all the applicants who applied for the board position. Commissioner Perry concurred with Commissioner Hammonds' comment. Commissioner Perry stated that the applicants who applied were very qualified which made the decision process difficult. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Richard Jones to the Water Authority Board.**

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business

- a) Discussion/Adoption of Board Appointment Policy – County attorney Hill discussed with the board the revisions that the board requested be made to the draft policy. Attorney Hill advised the board that the policy could be adopted with the changes that the board approved. A copy of the revised updated policy is attached with the stated changes as followed:
 - 1. After adoption of this policy, the Board, by majority vote of a finding of just cause, may decide to waive, vary, or otherwise deviate from the process outlined in this policy.**
 - 2. For purposes of this policy, a citizen is considered to have served a term if said citizen has served on the board, authority, or committee for half of the complete term of the position, plus one (1) day.****

3. **It is the preference of the Board that no citizen shall serve simultaneously on two (2) district boards, authorities, or committees. No person shall be considered for reappointment to an expiring commission on a board, authority, or committee unless the citizen resigns from the non-expiring commission on a board, authority, or committee.**
4. **A Consent Form for a criminal background check was added to the Application for Appointment to Boards, Authorities, or Commissions.**

On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the draft policy with the changes that were spoken on the record by the county attorney.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments

- a) **Steve O'Connor, of 19290 Charlie B. Johnson Road, addressed the board regarding not having access to internet service at his home.**

Item # 9 – Executive Session

On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss the authorization and negotiation to purchase property. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to re-enter regular session. Chairman Boone stated that the board gave the Public Works Director authorization to negotiate with E.R. Snell to purchase asphalt millings.

Item # 10 – Adjourn – On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 04/13/2023

