

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**March 17, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Tracy McCormick, District 1 Commissioner Curtis Mock, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls, and County Attorney, Michael Hill.

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

Chairman Tracy McCormick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Commissioner Mock gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 17, 2026, regular Commissioner’s meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Mock) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026, regular Commissioner’s meeting as written.

The minutes from the February 17, 2026, Work Session meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Mock) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026, Work Session meeting as written.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda**

The Board considered the following amendments to the agenda.

- **Item G** was added to reinstate the previous traffic rules on Welcome Road and Gum Creek Road. Commissioners noted that lowering the speed limit would require a \$14,000 traffic study, and the Board did not wish to impose that cost on the county.
  - On a motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to add Item G.

- **Item H** was added to discuss the Kubota bid for the arena.
  - On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to add Item H.
- **Item I** was added to place a moratorium on single-wide mobile homes while ordinance updates are underway.
  - On a motion (Harris) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to add Item I.

### **Agenda Item # 5 – New Business**

#### **a. Hollingsworth Ferry Road Paving Bid**

The Board reviewed the bid for paving improvements on Hollingsworth Ferry Road. Georgia Power agreed to contribute approximately \$1.2 million toward the project. C.W. Matthews submitted the lowest bid at \$1,156,869.00.

On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to award the bid to C.W. Matthews in the amount of \$1,156,869.

#### **b. Asphalt Resurfacing Bids – Multiple Roads**

The Board reviewed the Asphalt Resurfacing bids. C.W. Matthews submitted the lowest bid at \$861,050.00.

On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to award the resurfacing contract to C.W. Matthews in the amount of \$861,050.00.

#### **c. Resolution Approving Waiver of Certain Penalties and Interest by the Heard County Tax Commissioner**

Newly appointed Tax Commissioner Shannon Coggins introduced herself to the Board and public. She requested formal authorization to waive penalties and interest in certain circumstances and to receive payments on behalf of the county, consistent with longstanding practice.

On a motion (Perry) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution authorizing the waiver of certain penalties and interest.

**d. Authorization for the Heard County Tax Commissioner to Receive Checks**

On a motion (Harris) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Tax Commissioner to receive checks on behalf of the county.

**e. Approval of the Georgia County Internship Program Grant (GCIP)**

The Board discussed the county's approval for a Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant, which provides funding for a college intern to assist the county with designated projects. The program is designed to support county operations while giving students practical experience in local government. The intern will help staff with assigned responsibilities and project work throughout the grant period.

On a motion (Walls) and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to accept the GCIP grant.

**f. Data Center Moratorium**

The Board discussed a proposed 180-day moratorium on data center applications to allow time for ordinance review and potential adjustments based on state legislation. Commissioners noted that the moratorium could be lifted early if the ordinance is completed sooner.

On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to enact a 180-day moratorium, with the approximate end date falling between September 12–13, 2026, as specified in the resolution.

**g. Reinstatement of Traffic Rules – Welcome Road & Gum Creek Road**

The Board discussed reinstating the original traffic rules after determining that lowering the speed limit would require an unnecessary and costly study.

On a motion (Perry) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to reinstate the previous traffic rules on Welcome Road and Gum Creek Road.

**h. Kubota Bid – Arena Equipment**

The Board reviewed the Kubota bid for arena operations. Chairman McCormick reported that the Gator model previously discussed was confirmed to be a 2025 model, explaining the price difference between vendors. Kubota submitted the lowest bid at \$20,559.72.

On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the Kubota for \$20,559.72.

**i. Moratorium – Single-Wide Mobile Homes**

The Board discussed placing a 180-day moratorium on permits for single-wide mobile homes while the county reviews and updates its ordinances.

On a motion (Harris) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to enact the moratorium.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business**

There was no Old Business

**Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments**

Annette Morgan

**Item # 10 – Executive Session**

Commissioner Perry asked for an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

On a motion, (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to enter the Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. On a motion, (Walls) and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 7:09 p.m. During the Executive Session the Board discussed real estate and personnel matters.

**Item # 11 – Adjourn**

There being no further business, on a motion (Harris) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned 7:11 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Tracy McJannet

Chairman

Date: 04/21/2026

