

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING
March 31, 2026 - 5:00 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on March 31, 2026, at 5:00 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.

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag

Chairman Tracy McCormick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Michael Hill gave the invocation.

Discussion/Decision – Tax Abatement Agreement for Pfiffner

The Board reviewed the tax abatement agreement for Pfiffner, presented in coordination with the Development Authority. The Development Authority Director Kathy Knowles provided an extensive overview of the project's development history and the structure of the investment. She explained that Pfiffner originally planned a \$5 million, 15,000-square-foot facility but later expanded the project after construction estimates increased. The final building footprint is approximately 48,000 square feet, including a corporate office addition and a previously approved 65-foot testing facility. The construction contract totals \$12.8 million, with an additional \$6–7 million in equipment required for manufacturing operations.

Ms. Knowles detailed the corporate structure created to manage the project, including separate U.S. entities for real estate, manufacturing, and holding purposes. Only the real estate company will receive tax abatement benefits, which apply to the land, building, and fixtures such as overhead cranes. Personal property owned by the manufacturing company will remain fully taxable.

The abatement follows a 10-year sliding scale, beginning no later than 2028. Pfiffner must annually report new equipment, job creation, and investment levels. The company is required to create 65 jobs, with expectations of future expansion that could increase employment. Failure to meet job or investment commitments for two consecutive years would result in repayment of the abated taxes proportional to the shortfall.

The Board discussed additional project details, including construction timelines, water-service easements, and long-term site planning involving the Development Authority and West Georgia Technical College. Commissioners noted the project's economic benefits, including above-average wages and paid apprenticeships for local high school students.

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the tax abatement agreement for Pfiffner.

Adjourn

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

Adjourned 5:27 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date: 04/21/2026

