

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 21, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on June 21, 2022, 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 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, 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 Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present, and Commissioner Larry Hooks, gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – a. FY 2022-2023 Budget - Chairman Boone reminded the attendees that this was the public hearing for the upcoming budget that had been advertised as required. With no comments, Chairman Boone asked if he could have a motion to close the public hearing. On motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – Approval of all meeting minutes from May 17 work session and regular meeting, May 24th work session, and May 27th work session. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to approve all the minutes as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Under New Business, add item “d” – Discussion/Decision – RFP Old Jail, and item “e” – Appointment – Planning Commission. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved these amendments to the agenda.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – d. Discussion/Decision – Old Jail – Chairman Boone asked Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, to come to the podium to discuss where this project stands. Mr. Hamby gave a brief history of the Old Jail Project. He also gave his recommendation to allow MMI to handle this project. Mr. Hamby informed the Board that the walls of the Old Jail are three layers of brick and mortar with no other substance. He also stated that this bid, leaves \$170,000.00 for unseen conditions or issues. Commissioner Perry made a motion to accept the bid from MMI for \$180,600.00 for the Old Jail Project as recommended by Mr. Hamby. With a second from Commissioner Caldwell, the Board unanimously approved this motion.

- a. **Appointment – DFACS Board** – Chairman Boone asked the Board if they had received the letter (attached) from the Department of Family and Children Services requesting the Board reappoint Mrs. Rachel Schory to their board. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this appointment.
- b. **Discussion/ Decision – Insolvent Listing** – Chairman Boone reminded the Board that they were given this list for their review at the May 24, 2022, work session. On motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approves this request from Dianne Watson, Tax Commissioner.
- c. **Appointment – Board of Assessors** – Chairman Boone asked the Board if they had all received a copy of the letter (attached) from Dustin Pate, Chief Appraiser. In the letter, Mr. Pate requested that the Board appoint Melinda Noles, Debra Jo Steele, and himself to the Board of Assessors to fill vacancies. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

e. **Appointment – Planning Commission** – Chairman Boone stated that after the passing of Mrs. Hazel Reeves that Commissioner Caldwell wanted to fill the empty District 3 position on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Caldwell made the motion to appoint Larry Spruill to the Planning Commission. With a second from Commissioner Hammond, the Board unanimously approves this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business - None


Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comment – Chairman Boone shared a copy of the 2021 Year End Certified Audit with the Board. He also shared that the county budget from 2021 came in at 1.1 million dollars under budget.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Chairman Boone asked for a motion to enter executive session, to discuss possible litigation. On motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously approved entering Executive Session.

Coming back into regular session, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

County Clerk



Chairman

Date 07-19-2022

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING
June 30, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Called Commissioners Meeting on June 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls.

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 # New Business a. - Adopt FY 2022-2023 Budget – Chairman Boone opened the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting. Chairman Boone then read the resolution for the record. On motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board (All in attendance) unanimously approved to Adopt the FY 2022-2023 Budget and Resolution.

Chairman Boone asked Joseph Bledsoe, Probate Judge, if he was in attendance to just hear the budget approval or if he would like to address the Board. Judge Bledsoe stated that he would like to discuss his previous request for a company to come and scan his records so they would have digital copies. A quote for \$71,000.00 had been previously discussed with the Board. Chairman Boone stated that he wanted to ask Superior Court if this was something that they might need as well. All present commissioners agreed that this should be an agenda item at the next meeting, July 19, 2022.


Chairman Boone then thanked the Public Defenders office and Kenneth Cooke for everything they provide for the county. Kenneth Cooke stated that Mary Ellen would like to thank the Board for everything they do as well.

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

Adjourned at 5:23 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 07-19-2022

