

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 15, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on July 15, 2025, at 6:30 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 Curtis Mock gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 17, 2025, Work Session were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025, Work Session as written. The minutes from the June 17, 2025, regular Commissioner's meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Perry) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025, regular Commissioner's meeting as written.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda

An amendment was made to add an item under Public Hearings titled "Rezone from Agriculture to Industrial – Chad Dorminey" as Item A, and to add a corresponding item under New Business titled "Discuss/Decision – Rezone from Agriculture to Industrial – Chad Dorminey" as Item E. On a motion (Perry), and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add an item under Public Hearings titled "Rezone from Agriculture to Industrial – Chad

Dorminey" as Item A, and to add a corresponding item under New Business titled

"Discuss/Decision – Rezone from Agriculture to Industrial – Chad Dorminey" as Item E.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Hearing

a) Rezone from Agriculture to Industrial – Chad Dorminey

Dustin Pate of the Planning Commission addressed the Board to present the rezoning application submitted by Chad Dorminey. The original request was to rezone 52.21 acres from Agricultural to Industrial to allow for potential industrial development. Mr. Pate informed the Board that the Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended denial.

Chad Dorminey then addressed the Board regarding the property he owns on Franklin Parkway. He stated that, following the Planning Commission meeting, he revised his request and is now seeking to rezone a reduced portion of 16.45 acres to Industrial.

One individual, Phyllis Woodson, spoke in opposition to the application, expressing concerns about the potential disturbance to local wildlife.

On a motion (Walls), and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business

a. Appointment To Heard County Board Of Commissioners Deputy Clerk

On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Sandy Cox as Deputy Clerk of the Heard County Board Of Commissioners.

b. Appointment To Heard County Board of Tax Assessors

On a motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dustin Pate to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors for a four-year term beginning July 15, 2025, and expiring July 30, 2029.

c. Appointment To Heard County Board of Tax Assessors

On a motion (Hammond) and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Melinda Noles to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors for a four-year term beginning July 15, 2025, and expiring July 30, 2029.

d. Appointment To Heard County Board of Tax Assessors

On a motion (Mock) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Debra Joe Steele to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors for a four-year term beginning July 15, 2025, and expiring July 30, 2029.

e. Discuss/Decision Rezoning Application – Chad Dorminey

On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the application with the stipulation that the land area to be used is reduced to 16.45 acres, the area will be used exclusively as a business to operate as a heavy diesel repair shop, operating hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. EST to 5:00 p.m. EST, the operation must meet all guidelines for federal, state, and county permitting requirements.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business

a. Appointment to the 20/27 Corridor Joint Development Authority Board

On a motion (Walls) and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Phyllis Woodson to the 20/27 Corridor Joint Development Authority Board for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2029.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments

- Lee Eason
- Edward Boston

Item # 9 – Executive Session

None.

Item # 10 – Adjourn

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

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Tracy McKel

Chairman

Date: 8-19-25