

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**August 15, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on August 15, 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 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks was unable to attend. County Attorney Michael Hill was also present at the meeting.

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

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

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

The minutes from the July 18, 2023, Work Session and 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 July 18, 2023, Work Session and regular Commissioner’s Meeting as written.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda**

No amendments.

**Agenda Item # 5 – New Business**

**a. Approve/Adopt Authorizing Resolution for Transit**

Chairman Boone asked the Board to adopt the filing of the annual Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The Department Of Transportation, United States Of America, And Georgia Department Of Transportation, For A Grant Under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311

and allow him to sign it. On a motion (Perry) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Transit Resolution and allow Chairman Boone to sign it.

**b. Appoint Board Member to DFACS**

There was one application received for the position. Commissioner Harris addressed the Board regarding her positive experience in past years of working alongside applicant, Mike Nolley. On a motion (Harris) and a second (Perry), unanimously voted to appoint Mike Nolley to the DFACS Board.

**c. Approve – Warranty Deed for School Board**

Chairman Boone addressed the Board regarding the request from the Heard County School Board in reference to the property owned by the County that is located on Steve Lipford Drive. The School Board will pay all expenses related to the transfer of the land. On a motion (Walls) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to adopt and approve the warranty deed between Heard County and Heard County School System in consideration for approximately 0.5087 acres of land as described in the warranty deed and give Chairman Boone permission to sign the deed on behalf of the County.

**d. Letter from Mayor Hayes requesting Tax Abatement for City of Franklin**

Chairman Boone stated the property had not been acquired by the City of Franklin yet, they were waiting to close on the deal. This item was tabled until next month's regular Commission meeting.

**e. Adopt Resolution to Dissolve the Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority**

Chairman Boone asked Kathy Knowles, of the Development Authority, to address the Board. Ms. Knowles explained how the Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority was

dysfunctional from the beginning. It was made up of seven counties, making it impossible to form a quorum due to not having enough board members present for meetings. This resulted in the Authority being ineffective and unable to make any decisions. Ms. Knowles is hoping to form the 20-27 Corridor Joint Development Authority which would consist of only three counties: Carroll, Heard, and Haralson. On a motion (Perry) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the resolution to Dissolve the Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority and give Chairman Boone permission to sign the resolution on behalf of the County.

**f. Adopt Resolution to Create and Activate the 20-27 Corridor Joint Development Authority**

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the resolution to Create and Activate the 20-27 Corridor Joint Development Authority and give Chairman Boone permission to sign the resolution on behalf of the County.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business**

No old business.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments**

Javier Latre of Sanford, Florida – Representative of Lake Renewables. Introduced himself to the Board, is with the company requesting to build an 800-acre solar farm on Pearidge Road.

Aaliyah Figueroa of Lake Mary, Florida – Representative of Lake Renewables. Introduced herself to the Board.

**Item # 8 – Executive Session**

No executive session.

**Item # 9 – Adjourn**

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

End time 7:03 p.m.



Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 09/19/2023