

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 26, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 26, 2021, 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 Jerry Ann Conner.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag - Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present, followed by Commissioner Hooks delivering the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – Application to Rezone – Farmer Road-

Chairman Boone explained to the public the order of events and reviewed the rules of the Public Hearing. Mr. Bret Austin came to the podium and explained that he wanted to divide 8.2 acres into two four acre lots for his daughter to build a home on as well. With no further public participation and no questions from the Board, on motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to close the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – Approval of work session minutes and regular meeting minutes from September 28, 2021. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve all the minutes as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Discussion/Decision – Rezone – Farmer Road –

Chairman Boone explained this was in Commissioner Perry’s District. Commissioner Perry stated that he had heard no negative or positive feedback about the rezone and made the motion to approve this request and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discussion/Decision – Transit Resolution and FTA Certifications and Assurances – On motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously approved Chairman Boone to sign part C of the Transit Resolution on behalf of the Board. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved Chairman Boone to sign part Q of the FTA Certifications and Assurances on behalf of the Board.

c. Discussion/Decision – Plans and More – Sharon Armstrong – Mrs. Sharon Armstrong joined the Commissioners meeting via phone to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Contract and to answer any questions the Board may have. There being no questions, Commissioner Hammond made the motion for Chairman Boone to sign the contract on behalf of the Board, and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved.

d. Discussion/Decision – Tax Abatement – Sync Global and Carroll EMC – Chairman Boone asked Kathy Knowles to explain the tax abatement request from Sync Global and Carroll EMC. Mrs. Knowles discussed Sync Global and Carroll EMC requesting a 100% tax abatement for 10 years. Mrs. Knowles also stated that Sync Global and Carroll EMC are making a 24.7-million-dollar investment into bringing fiber-based broadband to the homes of Heard County Citizens. Jerry Ann Conner, county attorney, stated that there is another county that is doing this, and the Board needs to look at what this could bring to the county economically. After further discussion, on motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the motion to approve the Sync Global and Carroll EMC abatement request.

e. Discussion/Decision – Changes in Voter District Map – Tonnie Adams – Chairman Boone requested Mr. Tonnie Adams, Registrar and Election Supervisor, to come to the podium to explain the changes in the voter district map. Mr. Adams stated that the Board did not need to vote on these changes as these changes were voted on by the school board. Mr. Adams went on

to explain the area of Southwest Precinct contained in District 3 has been changed to District 5 (Bounded by the Alabama State Line, the Gas Pipeline, Jim T Mickle Rd, Town Creek, and an unnamed stream). This includes the following roads:

Arrington Rd South of Town Creek

Awbreys Gin Rd

Brown Rd

Drummond Rd north of the Pipeline

Jim T Mickle Rd – odd addresses north of the Pipeline until the Town Creek Bridge

Mason Rd

New Hope Rd

Ridgeway Rd – addresses from the Pipeline until the Town Creek Bridge

There are two portions of District 2 that have been changed to District 3:

First Portion (Bounded by Notnomis Rd, Roosterville Rd, Deer Creek, and Spradlin Rd):

Notnomis Rd – odd addresses from Spradlin Rd until the end

Spradlin Rd – odd addresses from the Deer Creek Bridge until the end

Roosterville Rd – odd addresses from Notnomis Rd until the Deer Creek Bridge (7015)

Second Portion (Bounded by Centralhatchee Creek, Deer Creek, Spradlin Rd, and Little Creek):

Spradlin Rd – even addresses from the Little Creek Bridge to the Deer Creek Bridge

Judy Rd

Portion of District 1 changed to District 4 (Bounded by Otis Ransby Rd, the Gas Pipeline, the Power Line, and Thompson Rd):

Otis Ransby Rd – odd addresses from beginning until the Gas Pipeline

Lane Rd – all addresses from the Power Line until the end

Thompson Rd – even addresses from Otis Ransby Rd until the Power Line. With no discussion, the Board moved on to the next item.

f. Discussion/Decision – Discuss Noise Ordinance – Officer James McDonald – Officer

McDonald shared a sample noise ordinance policy and explained to the Board that they could chose to make the ordinance as strict or lenient as they wanted. Jerry Ann Conner stated that she would like to work with Officer McDonald on the noise ordinance to customize it to fit Heard County.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – None

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comment –

Sammy Noles – 6959 Ridgeway Road – Would like to see trees removed, pipe fixed, and backslope cut on Ridgeway and Town Creek Roads.

Larry Clifton – 2892 Roosterville Road – Appreciates the county listening to him and working on the noise ordinance to benefit the county.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None

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

Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 11/17/2021