

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**June 22, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on June 22, 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, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Special Guest – James Stewart Chapter, NSDAR – Pam Lyle – Mrs. Dinah Rowe,** Heard County 4-H Extension Coordinator, explained Ava’s project and why she received the award. Mrs. Pamela Lyle, Regent, James Stewart Chapter awarded Ava Childers’ with the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Public Hearings – Special Use Application – Tillman Infrastructure LLC –** Chairman Boone explained that the Planning Commission recommended denying this tower until negotiations could be made with existing SBA Tower for lower rates with AT&T. A speaker with SBA spoke again Tillman and encouraged the recommendation of the Planning Commission. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board voted to close the Public Hearing.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes –** Work session minutes and regular meeting minutes from May 25, 2021, and Budget Public Hearing minutes and arena work session minutes from June 8, 2021. On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to approve all the minutes as written.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Amendments** – Commissioner Hammond requested and addition under new business add item “c”- discuss unfilled positions in the county, and Commissioner Perry requested and addition under old business add item “d”- auction. On motion (Perry) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved these amendments.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Decision – Adopt 2021-2022 Budget** – With no discussion, on motion (Hooks) and (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2021-2022 presented budget.

**b. Hosting Election** – Tonnie Adams, Election Superintendent, stated that the City of Franklin was interested in the county conducting their election. This contract would be just like the election contract the county has with Centralhatchee and Ephesus. Mr. Adams explained to the Board that any expenses incurred by the county would be reimbursed by the City of Franklin. On motion (Perry) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**c. Unfilled Positions** – Commissioner Hammond wanted to discuss with the Board the Codes Enforcement position, unfilled positions within the county, and department head positions that will be coming open. Chairman Boone stated that funding for the Codes Enforcement position would come available in July. Commissioner Hammond also expressed his wishes to have a work session on filling positions and other matters.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Tillman Infrastructure LLC** – Chairman Boone read the recommendation from the Planning Commission for the record. With the recommendation from the Planning Commission, on motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to deny this request.

**b. Discussion/Decision – Arena Guidelines** – Chairman Boone suggested the Board discuss or vote on raising arena fees and for the county attorney to update the user fees and guidelines

document. After much discussion and input from the public, decisions were tabled until the next meeting on July 27, 2021.

**c. Discussion/Decision – Gulf Station** – Melinda Brown, President of the Chamber of Commerce, discussed her idea of turning the Gulf Station into a welcome center for the county. Ms. Brown stated that she felt like the Chamber would be more visual there, she would have souvenirs for purchase, and she would be able to help market the arena as well. Chairman Boone stated that an MOU would be needed, and the county would be responsible for paying the electric and water bill. On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**d. Discuss – County Auction** – Commissioner Perry asked for an update on the county auction. Chairman Boone had received information from Mr. Green, that a ten percent commission and five percent buyers fee would be required. Commissioner Caldwell wanted to know when a list of items being sold would be available. Chairman Boone stated that a list would be available by the end of the week or the first of the next week. Commissioner Hammond requested a list of everything Chairman Boone had bought since he came into office.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comment** - None

**Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session** – Yes, on motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously approved this request.

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

Adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Hope Cole

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 7/28/2021

