

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 16, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on December 16, 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, Commissioner Hammond gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes

On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Work Session and Regular meeting on November 18, 2025, as written.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Hearing

There were no Public Hearings.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business

a. Discussion/Decision Bush Head Shoals Contract

During the meeting, the board discussed and approved the renewal of the contract for Bush Head, noting that the contract terms remain unchanged, with the county receiving 10% of the revenue generated. It was reported that in the previous year, total revenue collected was \$10,145, with \$1,014.50 paid to the county. Members raised

questions about whether the contract was cost-effective, specifically asking about county maintenance responsibilities, which were limited to grass cutting and routine road scraping already required for residents in the area.

On a motion (Walls) and a second (Mock), the Board unanimously voted to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the contract.

b. Discuss/Approve Revised IGA for T-SPLOST

The board then addressed the need to discuss and approve a revised Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the T-SPLOST and to authorize the chair to sign the contract. It was clarified that the revisions were administrative in nature, consisting primarily of corrected signatures, updated addresses for the City of Franklin, the Town of Centralhatchee, and the City of Ephesus, and minor additional wording that did not affect the substance of the agreement. There were no changes to the approved amounts, percentages, or financial terms. On a motion (Perry) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the revised IGA and grant authority to the Chairman to sign the T-SPLOST contract.

c. Issue The Call for T-SPLOST

The board next discussed issuing the call for the T-SPLOST to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming year.

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Mock), the Board unanimously voted to approve the call for T-SPLOST.

d. Approve 2026 B.O.C. Meeting Dates and Time

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 meeting dates for the Board of Commissioners and discussed adjusting the meeting schedule. While keeping meetings on the third Tuesday of each month as previously planned, the board agreed to change the start time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule set for 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

e. Discuss/Approve ACCG Retirement Eligibility

The board considered a change to ACCG retirement eligibility, proposing to reduce the required service period from three years to one year.

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Mock), the Board unanimously voted to approve the change, authorize inclusion of the contract in the minutes, and grant permission to the Chairman to sign the agreement.

f. Discuss/Decision on Superior Court Judges Locality Pay

The board discussed the Superior Court judge's locality pay, noting that recent legislation limits locality supplements to no more than \$20,000 from both counties, with the state's pay increases reducing the locality portion by 50 cents per additional dollar. Currently, the county has been paying approximately \$5,000 per judge annually, but under the new structure, the county's share will decrease to about \$2,010 per judge. Since the legislation is effective with the judges' December 16th election and the first pay period in January, action was required at this meeting.

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve paying the judge's locality pay at 10% as outlined in the resolution.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Item # 8 – Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Item # 9 – Adjourn

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

Adjourned 6:42 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Date 01/20/16

Tray W. Hart

Chairman

