

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 15, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 17, 2020 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 –Public Hearing– a. Updated Official Zoning Maps - Planning

Commission- County Attorney Conner presents the new updated map, and stated the only changes made to the map were to clarify things that had actually been rezoned. There were 16 item that needed updating since the last adoption of a zoning map in 2015. Having no public comments, on motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously closed item “a” in this public hearing.

b. Amendments to the Definitions of Subdivision Regulations- Planning Commission-

Chairman Boone informs the public that the planning commission is making recommendation to amend the definition of subdivision regulations in Chapter 40 and 46. The planning commission makes the recommendation to approve the amendments. County Attorney Conner informed the Board that two sections were acting as the zoning regulation in the ordinance. The zoning regulation was changed in 2016 to add exceptions to what qualifies as a subdivision. The other section that the Board is looking at is the allocation for subdivision approval process. After the 2016 change it made the definition in the subdivision regulations inconsistent with what had

been adopted in 2016. On motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously closed item “b” in this public hearing.

c. Heard County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan- Chairman Boone asked Sharon Armstrong, Project Planner with Plans and More to come before the Board to address the public for the public hearing. After describing in depth what the Hazard Mitigation Plan is and its purpose, no questions of Ms. Armstrong were asked. With no input from the public the public hearing is closed with a motion (Hammond) and second Perry, the Board unanimously closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2020 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented for the November 17, 2020 work session and regular meeting.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone request to amend the agenda New Business to add item “g” Discuss fuel station and “h” Appointments to the Development Authority Board. Amend language in Old Business item “a” definition to subdivision regulations to also includes amendments to the definition of the subdivision definition itself. On Motion (Hammond) and second Caldwell, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda. Chairman Boone came back to amend the agenda, to change item “d” to make a decision on the proposed SPLOST Spending Plan and move the rest of the items down. On motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously decided to approve this second amendment.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Update Zoning Maps – Chairman Boone opens the discussion by asking if the Board has any questions. Commissioner Walls asked when was the map last updated?

Macie Cassel, Building and Zoning, replied 2015. After further discussion, on motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the updated zoning maps.

b. Hazard Mitigation Plan- Mrs. Sharon Armstrong informed the Board and public in attendance that there was a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for inspection. On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan draft.

c. Language Access Plan- Chairman Boone explained the Language Access Plan to the public in attendance. Commissioner Hooks made the motion to adopt the Language Access Plan and allow Chairman Boone to sign the Language Access Plan on behalf of the county and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve this motion.

d. 2021 SPLOST Spending Plan- Chairman Boone explained to the public why the Board needs to adopt the new spending plan. Commissioner Hammond made the motion to approve the 2021 SPLOST Spending Plan as presented and a second from Commissioner Hooks, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2021 SPLOST Spending Plan.

e. Lights at the Heard County Recreation Department- Chairman Boone informed the public that they would make a decision on the lights for the recreation department that had been discussed in the work session. Mr. Hamby stated that the lighting may not be installed until the Spring, but if we put the decision off, it could delay the project. Commissioner Hooks made a motion to accept the quote from Musco Lighting and money from Coweta-Fayette EMC and a second from Commissioner Hammond. After much discussion and input from the public and the Board, the motion carries with a 3 to 2 vote. Commissioner's Walls and Perry voted against the motion.

f. Set Meeting Schedule for 2021 Commissioner Meetings- on motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to accept the presented dates for the 2021 Commissioner Meetings.

g. Discuss McClain Drive- Chairman Boone opened this discussion informing the Board, Mr. Loy Howard bought a tract of land on McClain Drive. Mr. Howard bought the property, and the road has been closed for 40 plus years. Jerry Ann Conner, county attorney, explained to the Board that there has never been a formal closure of McClain Road to clear up the record. Chairman Boone stated that he asked for this to be put on the agenda for discussion to give the Board prior knowledge. Ms. Conner advised the Board that the official process for closing the road.

h. Discuss Fuel Station- Chairman Boone gave the public a recap of the work session where the purchase of a new fuel station between EMA Headquarters and the Heard County Sheriff's office was formally discussed. Chief Wirth explained that the permitting time is approximately three to four months. Commissioner Caldwell makes the motion to accept the bid from Atlanta Petroleum for \$148,760.00 and second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to accept the motion.

i. Discuss Appointment to the Development Authority Board and West Georgia Broadband- Chairman Boone stated that he had received a letter from the Development Authority requesting to reappoint Todd Turner to a three-year term ending on 12/31/2023 and Don Heard to a three-year term ending on 12/31/2023. On motion (Perry) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approves to the reappointments to the Development Authority Board. Chairman Boone also stated that he received notice to reappoint Kathy Knowles to the West Georgia Broadband Joint Development Authority. On motion (Hooks) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously approves the reappointments to the West Georgia Broadband Joint Development Authority.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss- Discussion/Decision – Amendments to the Definitions of Subdivision- Chairman Boone hands the floor over to the County Attorney Conner, Ms. Conner states the first thing commissioners need to consider is the definition of subdivision in the subdivision ordinance which is in article 1 section 46. On motion (Walls) and second (Hooks), the

Board unanimously approves the ordinance as written. The next decision that had to be made was the subdivision application process. After much decision, Commissioner Walls makes a motion to table this decision until the January 26, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Perry seconds, and the Board unanimously approves this motion.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Yes, on motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously agreed to enter an Executive Session. On motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session.

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

Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 1/26/2021