

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on December 18, 2018 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 Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams 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 – Continued from last month –Special Use Application- Encounter Ministries - Chairman Boone went over the rules and regulations of a public hearing. Chairman Boone also went over the flow of the public hearing, that the public hearing would open with comments from the applicant, then comments would be allowed from the audience, with a reminder to limit comments to 3 minutes, and the public hearing would end with closing comments from the applicant as well. After Chairman Boone went over the above information, the floor was open for comments.

Comments - The following citizens addressed the Board and were opposed to the Encounter Ministries application:

Andy Ethridge, 2215 Armstrong Mill Road;

Shelly Thiry, 2881 Notnomis Road;

Michael Brown, 53 Nutt Road;

Brother Jamie Meeks, Pastor at Antioch Church Road;

Alisha McClain, 410 Simpson Road;

Waymon Jones, 1720 Notnomis Road;

Leighton Alston, 1484 Gray Road;

Kathy Knowles, Heard County Development Authority, wanted to clarify information was discussed at a Heard County Planning Commission meeting, not a Development Authority meeting, as stated by Mr. Pearce.

Donald McKinney, 1062 Hallmark Road;

Chris Boyd, 19995 Armstrong Mill Road;

Teresa Griffin, Heard County citizen;

Benjamin Hyatt, Hwy. 100/property owner on Roosterville Road and Simpson Road.

The applicants, Mr. Kevin Raines and Mrs. Sherrie Kagey spoke next.

Mrs. Kagey stated that most of the questions tonight, were answered already in the previous public hearing. She stated the intentions of this ministry is to help people in need. She stated no one has come and asked her personally, any questions and the ministry is ready to pay taxes if needed. Mr. Kevin Raines stated that the plans are not precise because it is a proposal and not an exact replica. Kevin stated they were aware of the need to abide by zoning. Kevin also stated that the confusion regarding the amphitheater had already been addressed. It is only to be a concrete slab, not a structure.

There being no further comments or questions, motion was made by Commissioner Adams to close the public hearing, with a second from Commissioner Hammond, with all in favor.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from November 27, 2018.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked to amend new business to add item – e – Appoint Public Facilities Authority. On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss Special Use Application – County Attorney Conner stated that the Board has the authority to put any conditions on the special use permit and submitted a list of recommendations. Commissioner Denney then discussed the special conditions recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Denney suggested approving the application without the lodging and made a motion to approve the special use permit with Phase I and Phase II only and with the conditions (attached) recommended by County Attorney Conner. The motion died on the floor for the lack of a second.

b. Update on Revocation of Telecommunication Tower at 301 Kirk Road. – Chairman Boone spoke about the Kirk Road tower company stating they have now pulled permits to start construction and therefore, the revocation cannot take place now.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Adopt 2019 SPLOST Spending Plan- On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss revocation of Tower at Frank Arrington’s Located at 3215 Ga. Hwy. 34 Franklin, GA; Approved April 2011; also Gamble and Glenn Road Towers – On motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to start the revocation process for these towers.

c. Approve Heard County Transit Procurement Policies and Procedures Required by Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) - On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Approve Purchase of 911 Communication Equipment from 2019 SPLOST Budget – Chairman Boone stated in a previous work session, prior to the commissioners meeting, 911 Director, Chris Acosta presented the Board with a recommendation, from Ryan Public Safety Solutions (RPSS), for new 911 equipment. The proposal presented was \$211,012.00 to be paid with SPLOST funds. On motion (Hooks) second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

e. Appoint Heard County Public Facilities Authority- Chairman Boone stated that he recently received a request from The Development Authority of Heard County asking the Board to reappoint two of their members to the Heard County Public Facilities Authority. Chairman Boone read the letter into the minutes. The letter asked to reappoint Mr. Todd Turner to a three year term to expire 12/31/2021 and to appoint Mr. Charles “Chuck” Stephens to a three year term to expire 12/31/2021 to replace Mr. Chad Wood. On motion (Caldwell) second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mr. Talmadge Phillips, 3089 Franklin Parkway, asked the Board how long is it before a tower application expires? County Attorney Conner stated; 12 months on special use permits and 6 months on building permits.

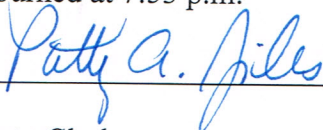
Commissioner Joe Adams - Stated this was his last commissioner meeting and he thanked the County for allowing him to serve as a Commissioner for the last four years. He also spoke on how times are changing and that growth is coming to Heard County.

Chairman Boone congratulated the Heard County High School football team on winning the State AA Championship.

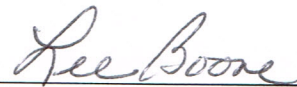
Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date

