

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**March 23, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 23, 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 - Public Hearings- a. Application to Rezone from Rural Development to Agriculture- Arrington Road-** Chairman Boone opened the Public Hearing by explaining the rules of a Public Hearing. Chairman Boone then gave Mr. Barry McKee the opportunity to speak on the rezone. Mr. McKee stated he would like to rezone 61 acres for the purpose of agriculture. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to close this public hearing.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2021 and February 23, 2021 –** On motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved the called meeting minutes as presented for the February 22, 2021 meeting. On motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the work session minutes and regular meeting minutes from February 22, 2021.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda –** Chairman Boone, asked the Board to amend New Business to add item “c” -Discuss- County Property used for filming a scene in a movie. Commissioner Hammond asked the Board to amend New Business to add item “d” – Planning Commission – Residential

Retirement Community. Commissioner Perry asked the Board to amend New Business to add items “e”- Sunday Alcohol Sales and “f”- Issue with Roadside Trash. On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved these requests.

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Discussion/Decision- Rezone- Arrington Road-** On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**b. Discussion/Decision- County Auction-** Chairman Boone had discussed the county auction with the Board before Covid happened and everything shutdown. Chad Green was supposed to conduct the auction. Mr. Green is interested in conducting the auction this year. Mr. Green told Chairman Boone that he would have his clerk pull dates for large auctions planned for this year to ensure the county was not competing with other auctions.

**c. Discuss/Decision- County Property for movie scene-** Chairman Boone discussed with the Board the interest a movie company had in using the old rock quarry for a diving scene in a movie. Chairman Boone asked the production company for a proposal and basic contract.

**d. Discussion- Planning Commission to explore residential retirement community-** Commissioner Hammond made the motion to have the Planning Commission review and add amendments for the county to have a residential retirement community, a second from Commissioner Hooks, and the Board unanimously approved this request.

**e. Sunday Alcohol Sales-** Commissioner Perry discussed with the Board the current no alcohol sales on Sunday in the ordinance. Commissioner Perry informed the Board that the county is losing revenue because residents can come to any store outside the county to buy alcohol. Jerry Ann Conner, county attorney, stated she believed the county must have an election to allow alcohol sales on Sunday.

**f. Trash situation on county roads-** Commissioner Perry publicly thanked the Heard County High School National Honor Society and Future Farmers of American students for cleaning up trash on

several county roadways. Commissioner Perry also believes that a multitask approach, using community service workers and county provided work detail inmates when available, the roadside trash issue be better addressed. Commissioner Perry also mentioned have a community clean up day and recycling event.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Appointment to the Development Authority Board-** The Development Authority would like to appoint Greg Holcomb to replace Chad Wood on the Development Authority Board for the unexpired term. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

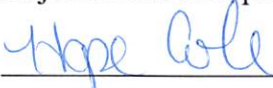
**b. Appointment to the DFACS Board-** After being appointed to the DFACS Board in the previous meeting, it was brought to the Boards attention that Lt. Boswell no longer lives in the county and someone else would need to be appointed to the DFACS Board. Ms. Rachel Schory was recommended to replace Lt. Boswell. On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments –** Mr. Mike Robinson read an article from The News and Banner about growth in Coweta County and the negative experience the writer felt. Mr. Robinson also spoke to the Board about issues he has with the subdivision ordinance and his desire to keep subdivisions out of Heard 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 8:18 p.m.

  
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County Clerk

  
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Chairman

Date 04-27-2021

