

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 28, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on May 28, 2019 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 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, welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – 1) Application to rezone land located on Roosterville Road Franklin, GA from Agricultural to R1; – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing for the application to rezone land located on Roosterville Road Franklin, GA from agricultural to R1. He stated that Mr. Lee, a representative for the applicant, has requested the Board to table this hearing until the next meeting. His email stated he would like to have time for further due diligence in order to proceed. Chairman Boone read the public hearing rules and regulations. The following citizens spoke in opposition to the rezoning request:

Mr. Cameron Sheppard, 5455 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Allen Dupree, 5364 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Larry Spruill, 43 Unity Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Andy Grucca, 2711 Welcome Road, Franklin, GA

There being no further public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to continue this public hearing until the Board meets again on June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

2) Application for rezoning of land located at 3590 Roosterville Road Franklin, GA from

Rural Development to Agricultural – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and read the request from applicant, James Wesley Noles, 3590 Roosterville Road, Franklin. Mr. Noles is requesting to rezone 16.5 acres of land located at 3590 Roosterville Road, Franklin from rural development to agricultural for the purpose of having a sawmill. Mr. Noles spoke regarding his request. He addressed several items he felt were concerns to his neighbors. He addressed the sound of his equipment, the smell of his sawmill, the impact his rezoning might have on real estate values in the area, traffic and personnel. The following citizens spoke in opposition to the rezoning request:

Mr. Gary Parmer, 3230 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Robert Morgan, 3265 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Anthony Malone, 3645 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Noles returned to the podium to address other concerns regarding his scraps produced by the sawmill and well as surplus items he has at his property now, which he stated he felt had no bearing on this rezoning request. Commissioner Caldwell asked Mr. Noles if he were approved and he had a lot of wood shavings and/or waste did he understand that he would need a retention pond to hold the waste? Mr. Noles stated, yes, he would do whatever it took to keep his waste, if any, off anyone else's property. Commissioner Hammond asked Mr. Noles was he operating now. Mr. Noles stated, no, just cranking the sawmill to keep the batteries charged. Commissioner Denney asked Mr. Noles what if he were approved for this rezone, would he ask for a bigger sawmill at some point. Mr. Noles stated he did not have the intention to ask for a larger sawmill. There being no further comments or questions from the public or the Board, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from April 23, 2019. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked to amend new business to add item “c” – Discuss Combining Registrar & Elections Budgets. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Decision on Public Hearings – 1) Application to rezone land located on Roosterville Road Franklin, GA from Agricultural to R1 – No decision was made since this public hearing was not closed.

2) Application for rezoning of land located at 3590 Roosterville Road Franklin, GA from Rural Development to Agricultural – Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve this request as long as Mr. Noles was willing to keep any waste produced from the sawmill, on his own property. The motion died for the lack of a second. Motion died on the table. Commissoner Denney stated that she was concerned that the text amendments regarding sawmills was to open and that there needed to be some conditions in the text amendment. County Attorney Conner stated that the amendment could be sent back to the Planning Commission for another review if the Board so desired.

b. Discuss Sale of EMA Surplus Vehicles – Fire Chief Wirth asked the Board to surplus the following from his department and to post these items on Gov.deals to sale:

2012 Freightliner Sprinter Ambulance – non running – 157,442 miles

2009 Dodge Sprinter Ambulance – high mileage of 208,599 miles

2002 Ford E450 Ambulance – high mileage of 164,672 miles

On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to surplus and sale these items.

c. Discuss Combining Registrar & Elections Budgets – Chairman Boone stated the office of Registrar and the office of Elections has been combined so therefore, the budgets needed to be combined. On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to combine these two budgets into one.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mr. Randy Chestnut, Nutt Road, Franklin commended and thanked Heard County EMS on a great job, when he recently had to call 911 for an incident with his mother in law. He also stated his concerns about the Heard County current zoning map.

Mrs. Alicia McClain, Simpson Road, Franklin asked the Board to consider paving and stripping Simpson Road.

Ms. Sandra Jackson Brugger, 214 Gamble Road, Franklin discussed a recent incident with an electrical pole on her property. Chairman Boone suggested that Ms. Brugger speak with the Building and Zoning Department regarding the step by step permitting process.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Patty G. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date 6/25/19