

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on September 24, 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 Commissioners 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, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

Agenda Item #3 - Approval of Minutes - On motion (Hooks) and a second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from August 27, 2019.

Agenda Item #4 - Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 5 - New Business - a. Discuss Storage System for Heard County Probate Office and Heard County Clerk of Court Office - Chairman Boone gave an update on the courthouse renovation project. He explained the type of storage system the Clerk of Superior Court is requesting and presented the bid in the amount of \$34,490.00. He explained that this would replace the old wooden shelving and be additional storage for the Clerk's office. Chairman Boone also stated that Heard County Probate is requesting the same type of storage system. Probate Judge Joseph Bledsoe discussed his storage needs. He stated he is running out of storage space and discussed the bid for the storage system. He stated that the bid, in the amount of \$42,250.00, did not include different flooring that would be used to accommodate the storage. After further discussion, Commissioner Hammond made the motion to accept both proposals, including the additional tables Judge Bledsoe requested and

which are not included in the proposals, to be paid out of SPLOST; with a second from Commissioner Denney, the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss County Ordinances - Chairman Boone stated he had created a questionnaire (see attached) that he would like for the Board to read over and discuss. He also asked County Attorney Connor and Zoning Administrator Stacie Morris to give an update on their conference call with Planner, Sharon Armstrong regarding the zoning ordinances she drafted in 2017. Attorney Conner stated that during their call, it was decided that the initial framework that the County has in place, would continue to be used and the Board would possibly need to discuss potential changes to the zoning map. Attorney Conner discussed changes that may or may not need to be made to the current zoning classifications as well. Attorney Conner stated that she would like for the Board to consider removing the singlewide mobile home and medical hardship provision from the ordinance. Mr. Robert Nelms, Heard County Codes Enforcement Officer stated it is very difficult to get hardship mobile homes moved, after the hardship is over. Commissioner Hammond stated that he did not understand why they could not all be handled like the last hardship case. Attorney Conner and Mrs. Morris stated it would be easier to just remove the hardship provision totally from the ordinance. Chairman Boone asked the Board, Attorney Conner and Mrs. Morris, to follow along with him as he read the questions aloud and encouraged them each to put some thought into answering the questions. He explained that these would be returned to him and the responses would be looked over and compiled to be discussed at later meeting and or work session.

Agenda Item # 7 – Executive Session – On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks) the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney) the Board unanimously voted to return to open session. Chairman Boone stated in Executive Session, possible litigation was discussed with no decisions made.

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

Adjourned at 8:46

Patty A. Giles

County Clerk

Date 10-22-19

Lee Boone

Chairman

