

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 19, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Tracy McCormick, District 1 Commissioner Curtis Mock, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls, and County Attorney Michael Hill.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag

Chairman Tracy McCormick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Tiffany Powers gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 15, 2025, Work Session were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Harris) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025, Work Session as written. The minutes from the July 15, 2025, regular Commissioner's meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Perry) and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025, regular Commissioner's meeting as written.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda

The agenda was amended by motion to reflect the removal of two items related to an application for variance submitted by Nicki Hurd. Specifically, item "b. Application for Variance, Nicki Hurd, Holiday Road, Franklin, GA" was removed from the "Public Hearings" section, and item "d. Discuss/Decision - Application for Variance, Nicki Hurd" was removed from the "New Business" section. The motion to amend the agenda was made, seconded, and approved by the Board.

On a motion (Hammond), and second (Mock), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to remove item "b. Application for Variance, Nicki Hurd, Holiday Road, Franklin, GA" from "Public Hearings" and remove item "d. Discuss/Decision - Application for Variance, Nicki Hurd" from "New Business".

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Hearing

a. Application for Special Use Permit, Alisa Lockwood

During the meeting, applicant Alisa Lockwood addressed the Board regarding her special use application for the property located at 600 Hwy 100, Hogansville, GA. Ms. Lockwood proposed converting the property into a private event venue intended to host weddings, celebrations, and other community gatherings. She explained that the venue would primarily operate on weekends and by appointment only. The Board listened to her proposal and discussed the potential impact on the surrounding area, including considerations such as traffic, noise, and community benefit.

On a motion (Mock), and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business

a. Discuss/Decision – Insurance Broker for Employees Health Benefits

On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mark III as the new insurance broker and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract, as long as the current insurance plans remain the same.

b. Discuss/Approve – FY27 Transit Grant 5311

On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously approve the FY27 Transit Grant 5311.

c. Discuss/Decision – Application for Special Use Permit, Alisa Lockwood

On a motion (Mock) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to deny the application.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business

None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments

None.

Item # 9 – Executive Session

None.

Item # 10 – Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion (Harris) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned 6:51 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Date: 09/16/25

Tracy McConnell

Chairman

