

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 20, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on September 20, 2022, 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, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. Attorney Michael Hill was also present as legal counsel.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag - Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of minutes – The minutes from the regular Commissioner’s Meeting on August 16, 2022, also called meetings on August 25, 2022, and September 15, 2022, were presented for approval. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from all three meetings

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – No Amendments

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business

- a. Approve Authorizing Resolution for Transit – Chairman Boone presented an Authorizing Resolution for Transit to approve as required by law from the Georgia DOT and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution and authorized the Chairman’s signature.**
- b. Appoint Safety Coordinator – Chairman Boone requested the Board to appoint Robert Bell as the Safety Coordinator for Heard County Government. This Safety Coordinator would inspect all County building and facilities for hazard or safety**

issues, hold quarterly meetings on accident prevention with staff and document all measures taken. This will allow the County to receive a discount on Workman's Compensation and General Liability premiums. On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Robert Bell as Safety Coordinator for Heard County Government.

- c. **Discussion/Decision on Concession Agreement with Chattahoochee Outdoors – Ms. Kathy Knowles, Executive Director of the Heard County Development Authority, along with Ms. Raven Neill, owner of Chattahoochee Outdoors LLC presented a proposed Concession Agreement to be a “Site Manager” for Bush Head Shoals Park. The agreement was a preliminary draft like those used by the DNR at their parks. Attorney Hill was consulted regarding the wording on the agreement and confirmed that this was a standard agreement used by and tailored for DNR. Attorney Hill pointed out several standard wording changes he would make to conform and be used by Heard County. The Board asked many questions regarding the daily operations, reservations, commissions, and overall use of the park. After much discussion the Board recommended the wording in the Concession Agreement to be changed and to continue discussion and negotiations at the next regular meeting. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to table the matter until the next regular meeting. Ms. Knowles agreed to assist Ms. Neill with changes and adjustments to her proposal before the next meeting and forward to Chairman and County Attorney Hill for review.**

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business

- a. Decision/Discussion on Rezone Application for Richard Todd – Chairman Boone requested a decision to be made on the application from Richard Todd to rezone 2 acres of land and a house from Agricultural to Rural Development. On a motion (Perry) and second (Hooks), the Board voted unanimously to approve the application to rezone.

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments –

- a. Mr. Randy Chestnut of 281 Eley Road, Franklin addressed the Board.
b. Ms. Debra Jo Steele of 2681 Joe Stephens Road, Franklin addressed the Board.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session

On a Motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition. On a motion (Walls) and second (Perry) the Board voted unanimously to return to regular session. Chairman Boone stated that no decisions were made regarding land acquisition.

Agenda Item # 8 – Adjourn

On a motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 10-18-2022