

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION**  
**August 19, 2025 – 2:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on August 19, 2025, at 2:30 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 Finance Director Felicia Adams.

A work session was conducted to discuss the health benefits broker proposals and other matters. A work session was held to hear a presentation from Loy Howard and Clint Hoffman, representatives of Tanner Health, regarding a proposed clinic expansion. The proposal outlines the development of a new 5,000-square-foot facility modeled after Tanner's Buchanan location. The estimated construction cost is \$6,000,000. The proposed clinic would operate as a walk-in and urgent care center, open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Howard noted that the clinic is expected to operate at an approximate annual loss of \$200,000 and proposed that the county provide a subsidy to offset this deficit.

Kathy Knowles of the Development Authority spoke to the Board about the Tanner proposal, inviting feedback and suggestions, and also discussed several possible future industrial opportunities for the county.

The Board recognized Luisa Wakeman for her 25 years of dedicated service at the Senior Center, where she has been employed since May 31, 2000. She was presented with a plaque and thanked for her longstanding commitment and contributions to the community.

District 2 Commissioner James Perry discussed a grant he would like to pursue on behalf of the county to fund two annual events for the disposal of scrap tires. The proposed events would provide

residents with a way to safely dispose of eligible tires; however, tractor and oversized tires would not be permitted.

Rusty Park and Zach Parker of Mark III Brokers were present, along with Josh McGee who joined by phone, to further discuss employee health benefits and respond to questions from the Board. They provided additional information about the services their firm can offer to the county.

Building and Zoning Director Macie Cassell addressed the Board regarding a property in District 1 where an individual has been residing in a travel camper located on Jenny D Lane. The camper, which is either a motorhome or fifth wheel, has been placed on a permanent foundation and is well maintained. The individual has lived there for five years and shares the property with his elderly mother, who resides in a single-wide mobile home. Director Cassell explained that the resident is disabled, in poor physical health, has limited literacy, and is unable to work due to poor physical health. Due to his circumstances, he cannot afford alternative housing and is requesting consideration under a hardship. There was much discussion by the Board, District 1 Commissioner Curtis Mock and the Chairman will visit with the man to find out more information regarding his situation.

The work session concluded with no official action taken.

End time 5:35 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Date 09/16/25

Tracy McComb

Chairman

