

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION**  
**October 21, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on October 21, 2025, at 5:00 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, Finance Director Felicia Adams, and Deputy Clerk Sandy Cox.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session to continue discussions on the proposed Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). Attending the session were local city officials, including Denny Rogers, Mayor of Ephesus; Kevin Hayes, Mayor of Franklin; and Barbie Crockett, Mayor of Centralhatchee. The meeting focused on the proposed distribution of TSPLOST funds, with an agreement that each city—Franklin, Ephesus, and Centralhatchee—would receive 4% of the revenue without any administrative fees, while the remaining funds would be retained by the Heard County Board of Commissioners. All parties expressed agreement and support for the proposed arrangement. An intergovernmental agreement (IA) will be drafted by the County Attorney and provided to each municipality for review, adoption, and signature at their next scheduled meeting.

Mark III Insurance Brokers presented the projected costs for transitioning to a group medical plan with Cigna. The county currently participates in an Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA); however, the cost of this plan is expected to increase by approximately 30%, totaling around \$2 million. Because the county has already reached its maximum financial contribution, the additional cost would fall on employees, making health insurance under the ICHRA plan unaffordable for many.

The Board also discussed several related topics, including campsite regulations, Airbnb and short-term rental considerations, and various ordinances connected to these issues.

There is currently a discrepancy between the State of Georgia and the County regarding the posted speed limits on Gum Creek Road and Welcome Road, with the state listing the speed limit as 55 mph and the County listing it as 45 mph. No formal request has been submitted to the state at this time.

The Board will vote at the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting on November 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to officially reduce the speed limit to 45 mph and submit the change to the State of Georgia.

District Commissioners have received multiple calls regarding the Tag Office being closed during the lunch hour. The Board requested that the matter be discussed with the Tax Commissioner to determine whether accommodations can be made to keep the office open during that time.

End time 6:13 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Date 11/18/25



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Chairman