

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 26, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on May 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse.

In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Hooks gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance –

Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. He stated that the Heard County Planning Commission recently met and have proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance as follows:

Amendments to be considered are:

Article II: Amusement Uses. Additional Requirements. – Sec 46-44 – Removing: Original #2
Central loudspeakers are prohibited.

Article III: Permitted Uses: - Sec 46-101 – Adding: Water Parks, Coliseum, Stadium, Amphitheater, Arenas, Go-Cart racetracks, and Pain Ball Facilities.

Chairman Boone explained that adding this text would allow someone to apply for one of these specific uses.

There being no Board comments or public comments, on motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from April 28, 2015 as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone ask to amend New Business to include item “e” – Set Meeting, Date and Time for Budget Hearing. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – a. Decision on Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance – On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney); the Board unanimously approved the Planning Commission’s recommended text amendments.

b. Discuss Ordinance Regarding Solid Waste – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner stated that she was asked to add language to the solid waste ordinance located in Chapter 38, titled Solid Waste; to clarify that only one trash permit is permitted per household for household garbage only and that lost permits can only be replaced one time annually. Chairman Boone stated that he would be speaking with Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins who will relay this change to the convenience center staff. On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved these changes.

c. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Public Facilities Authority – The Heard County Public Facilities Authority has two open positions effective June 30, 2015 and has recommended reappointing Mr. Todd Turner and appointing Mr. Chad Wood. Mr. Wood would replace Mr. Emmett Harrod who no longer wishes to serve. On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to re-appoint Mr. Todd Turner. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Chad Wood.

d. Approve Changes to Heard County’s Employee Substance Abuse Policy – County Clerk, Patty Jiles presented several changes to the Heard County Government Employee Substance Abuse Policy. The changes were as follows and are attached and highlighted:
Section 4.2 – Added - “and could result in suspension without pay and/or termination”

Section 5.7 – Added - “Therefore, supervisors/managers are required to use and apply all the requirements of this policy, those found to deliberately misuse the policy in regard to subordinates, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.”

Section 6.0 – Added – “all follow-up testing will be an observed collection”

Section 6.0 – Added – Attachment A for minimum thresholds.

Section 6.3 – Added – “by a trained supervisor”

Section 6.5 – Added – “in an observed collection”

Section 6.7 – Added – “observed collections”

Section 7.0 – Added – “All return to duty and follow up testing will be observed collections.”

Section 8.0 – Added – “unannounced and observed collections of all follow-up testing”

Section 9.0 – Added – System contact information

County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner did review these changes. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved these changes.

e. Set Meeting, Date and Time for Budget Hearing – Chairman Boone stated that the Board would need to hold a public hearing for the 2015-2016 budget. He recommended Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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

Affidavit for approved minutes for May 26, 2015

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date: 6-23-15