

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 24, 2017 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, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation of Service Award - Chairman Boone and the Board presented a service award plaque to Brant Steen for 20 years of continuous service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Mr. Steen for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Hearing – Request for Special Use Application – Mrs. Wendy Brewer, 329 Fir Road, Franklin, GA - Chairman Boone opened the public hearing for a special use application submitted by Mrs. Wendy Brewer for a dog kennel located at her home at 329 Fir Road, Franklin. Ms. Brewer spoke to the Board and stated that she would like to apply for a rescue and boarding license. She explained that she has been a foster for animals for 12 years. The Department of Agriculture has recently advised her that she would need to get a license in order to work with animal rescue centers. Commissioner Hooks asked her does she kennel animals now. She stated yes, and she has been for approximately 3 years. She explained she has drains and concrete floors in a 30x100 area. She also stated she only holds the animals until a rescue can pick them up for adoption. She explained that she receives donated monies to help with her rescue. She went over her process of cleaning each day, disposing of the waste, her vetting procedures, and her outside animal yard area. Mrs. Linda Samples, 546 Dogwood Road, Franklin, an adjoining landowner to Ms. Brewer, stated that there are a

lot of stray animals in their neighborhood and she would not want this to become a bigger problem when Ms. Brewer opens her rescue. There being no further public comments and no comments from the Board, Chairman Boone closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from September 26, 2017.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to the agenda to include New Business – item “e” – Discuss Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems. On motion (Denney) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this amendment.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Decision on Request for Special Use Application – On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved the special use application for Ms. Wendy Brewer.

b. Discuss Service Delivery Strategy and Solid Waste Management Plan – Sharon

Armstrong, Plans & More – Mrs. Armstrong explained to the Board that Chairman Boone was recently notified by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) that the Service Delivery Strategy and the Solid Waste Management Plan were due on October 31, 2017. She explained that she had applied for extensions for both of these plans with DCA and could move forward with completing them with Board approval. She asked the Board to approve the filing of the extension, a contract with Plans & More to complete these two plans, and to establish a committee, comprised of Chairman Boone, Finance Director Felicia Adams, Zoning Administrator Stacie Morris and County Clerk Patty Jiles, to work on these plans. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

c. Approve Resolution for Heard County Joint Comprehensive Plan – Chairman Boone stated that the Heard County Comprehensive Land Use Plan has been approved by DCA and the

Board would need to approve the plan by adopting the attached resolution. Chairman Boone read the resolution into the minutes (attached). On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the plan and authorized Chairman Boone to sign the adoption resolution.

d. Approve Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit FY19 – Chairman Boone asked the Board to approve the continuance of the grant for the 5311 Heard County Transit program for FY19. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the resolution and authorized Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the Board.

e. Discuss Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems – Chairman Boone asked the Board to approve a resolution for the temporary moratorium on the approval of solar energy facilities in Heard County. County Attorney Conner stated that this was just a temporary moratorium until the Planning Commission could meet and adopt provisions in the zoning ordinance for solar energy facilities in Heard County. Chairman Boone read the resolution into the minutes (attached). On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Discuss Contract Expiration on Rock Quarry – Chairman Boone stated that Vulcan Materials current contract on the Heard County rock quarry on Hwy. 34W recently expired. He stated he has reached out to the State of Georgia about possibly providing an appraiser who can help determine the value of the mineral rights of the quarry. He stated he would report back to the Board on this as soon as he hears from the State. Commissioner Adams stated he had received several phone calls regarding this agenda item and there were some citizens who wished to make a public comment about this item.

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments – Mr. Scott Carmichael, 5795 Redland Road, Franklin, GA asked the Board what were the next steps for the Board to take regarding the rock quarry. Chairman

Boone explained that after he receives a current appraisal regarding the mineral rights of the quarry, the Board would need to make a decision on what to do with the property; to sale it or re-open the quarry.

Mr. Brett Smith, 5095 Joe Stephens Road, Franklin, GA – Introduced himself to the Board as the Field Representative for Congressman Drew Ferguson.

Agenda Item #10 – Executive Session – None.

There being no further business, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the board voted unanimously to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date _____