

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

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on December 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 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks and District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell were unable to attend. County Attorney Michael Hill monitored audibly by conference call during the entire meeting.

**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 – 30 Year Service Award to Jane Olinger- HCSO**

- a. **Chief Deputy Jane Olinger was presented with a 30-year Service Award by the Board of Commissioners. All Commissioners spoke on her behalf including Sheriff Ross Henry, and congratulated her on her accomplishments and dedicated service to Heard County.**

**Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes**

- a. **The minutes from the November 15, 2022 regular Commissioner’s meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022, regular Commissioner’s Meeting as written.**

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – No Amendments**

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business**

- a. **Discussion/Decision on RFP for Glover Road Park Improvements.**

SPLOST Project Manager Kevin Hamby addressed the Board regarding the RFP that was advertised in October for the Phase II Project Improvements at Glover Road Park, and only one proposal was received November 09, 2022, from Frontier Electric, Inc. A meeting was held by the Project Manager to include the Contractor and Public Works Director Darold Wiggins to negotiate labor and materials that could be provided by the County to reduce the Contractor's proposed price of \$553,455.00 to do the entire project. After negotiations and agreements on what labor and materials the County would provide, the final price paid to the Contractor would be \$377,681.00 upon completion. Mr. Hamby explained the Phase II project was a follow up to the LWCF Grant awarded to the Development Authority. Ms. Kathy Knowles, Executive Director of the Development Authority, stated that they have already spent approximately \$350,000.00 in the Phase I project which includes the LWCF Grant Money of \$100,000.00 and 100% matching funds from the Development Authority. After much general discussion, on a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to accept the negotiated price of \$377,681.00 from Frontier Electric, Inc. for the Phase II Development Project at Glover Road Park.

**b. Arena Committee Appointments/Commissioner Hammond**

Commissioner Hammond stated that the one year Arena Committee appointments are to expire, and 3 of 5 members wished to be re-appointed for 2023. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Danny Lavoie, Melinda Brown and Tim Rowley to the Arena Committee for the ensuing year 2023. On a motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ricky Ray to the

Arena Committee for year 2023. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to appoint Roger Carmichael to the Arena Committee for year 2023.

c. Discussion on Georgia Forestry Proposal Letter

Chairman Boone stated that the letter received from Georgia Forestry was after a request made by the Chief Ranger Amy Weaver from the Lagrange Office that covers the Heard County Area. After some discussion, the Board decided to table this issue so further research and information can be obtained.

Item # 7 – Old Business – None

Item # 8 – Public Comments

Mr. Kevin Terry, 330 Jackson Shoals Road, Franklin, addressed to the Board regarding the business he just started this year named Heard County Outfitters and inquired about the use of Bush Head Shoals Park as an Outfitter. Chairman Boone explained that the County was already under contract with a local Outfitter named Chattahoochee Outdoors to manage the park, therefore he needed to work out an agreement with them. After further general discussion, Mr. Terry concluded his remarks.

Item # 9 – Executive Session – None

Item # 10 – Adjourn – On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 01-17-2023

