

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 23, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 23, 2019 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 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioners Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner.

Agenda Item #2- Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag- Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

**Agenda Item #3- Invited Guest-Krista Gonce, Emily Cole, and Caitlin Wiggins Carroll
County Child Advocacy Center**

Emily Cole spoke thanking the key people in bringing the Darkness to Light's Steward of Children Program to the citizens of Heard County. Those key people were Marianne Cole, Kathy Knowles, Ross Henry, Kevin Hannah, Charlene Harrod, Steve Wirth, and Patty Jiles. Mrs. Emily Cole presented a plaque to Heard County for the county reaching the tipping point of five percent of population trained in Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Program.

Agenda Item #4- Presentation of Service Award-

Mrs. Chris Acosta was presented, by the Board of Commissioners, with her 30 years of service plaque

Agenda Item # 5 – Public Hearing – Regarding Text Amendments to Section 46-101 and Table 46-101 to add Sawmills and Planing Mills; Regarding Text Amendment to Change 46-420(D) Regarding Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Chairman Boone read both Text Amendments explanation and opened the public hearing for the Sawmills first.

Comments-

Jackie Arrington, 9130 Frolona Road- asked, “what are you all trying to do about the sawmills?”

County Attorney Jerry Ann Connor- explained that they had a request for a permanent sawmill but did not have a place to put it in the zoning ordinance. The planning commission went back in the permitted use table to allow for permanent sawmills and temporary portables. Temporary portable sawmills are allowed in all permitted classifications. The zoning classifications that allow permanent sawmills are agricultural, general commercial, and industrial. The planning commission recommended allowing sawmills.

Commissioner Hooks made a motion to close the public hearing. There was a second from Commissioner Denney and the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Public Hearing 2-There was a public hearing for Planning Commission meeting dates.

Jerry Ann Connor- the zoning ordinance contains the meeting dates and they are set to the first Thursday of every month. The planning commission would like to set their own meeting dates just like most boards do, because they do not always have something on the agenda to meet about. The planning commission will still have to provide notice for the meeting dates.

Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. With no comments, Commissioner Denney motioned to close the public hearing, a second from Commissioner Walls, and the Board unanimously approved to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 6 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from March 26, 2019.

Agenda Item # 7 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked to amend new business to add item – e– Approve paving bids- Darold Wiggins Public Works Director. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business –

a. Discuss Public Hearing- Discuss Text Amendment to Section 46-101 and Table 46-101

Chairman Boone read the new proposed ordinance into the minutes. Commission Walls- This will have no affect of the hobbyist? Jerry Ann Connor- No. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss Public Hearing- Discuss Text Amendment to Change 46-420(D)

Chairman Boone reads new proposed ordinance into the minutes. On motion (Denney) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

c. Discuss Memorandum of Understanding and Ride Along Agreement Between Heard County and Heard County Board of Education- Chief Steve Wirth

Chief Wirth explained the program and dual enrollment opportunities available to high school students. Chief Wirth said he is excited about this program. Chief Wirth asked the Board to allow the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hooks thinks this is a great idea that should have been started many years ago. Commissioner Denney asked if this would be open to the seniors. Chief Wirth confirmed it would be open to seniors. Commission Denney asked about the conditions during the ride along, and if it is something parents would not want their children to see. Chief Wirth responded with that is something we will talk one-on-one about with parents. Chairman Boone asked what kind of attire they will be required to wear? Chief Wirth stated possibly “polo” style shirts, but uniforms have not yet been determined. Commissioner Hammond thinks it is a good idea to train students for not only a job, but a career here. Chief Wirth would like to transfer students to the

fire side after completion of the program. After further discussion, Chairman Boone ask for a motion to be made to adopt the memorandum as written. On motion from (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss Appointment to Board of Election and Registration- Tonnie Adams, Elections Supervisor

Tonnie Adams ask the Board to re-appoint Mrs. Robin Smith to the Board of Election and Registration. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the board unanimously approved this request.

e. Discuss Approving Paving Bids- Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director

Darold Wiggins ask the Board to approve paving bids (see attached). Mr. Wiggins also gave cost and explanation of bids to Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Denney asked if the bids were in budget. Mr. Wiggins answered yes, but he will hold off on purchasing equipment, because prices are higher than anticipated. After further discussion, on motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 9 – Old Business –

a. Discuss Elections Between Heard County and the City of Ephesus and the Town of Centralhatchee- Tonnie Adams, Elections Supervisor

Tonnie Adams explained that the cities and Board of Elections have already signed contracts. Also, if the election is scheduled or not scheduled the Heard County Board of Elections will handle the election. If the election is a scheduled election, the cities will be responsible for half the cost, if the election is a special election that is standalone the cities will be responsible for the entire cost of the election. Plus, there will be a \$100 fee in addition to what the cities are responsible for paying. The \$100 fee will cover gas needed, pencils, paper, and any other type supplies needed. The cities are

responsible for their own qualifying. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the board unanimously approved this request.

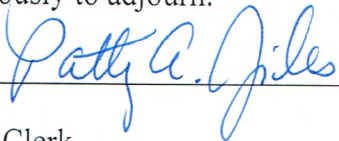
Agenda Item # 10 – Public Comments

Jeremy Gibson, 293 S. River Circle, spoke on illegal drug activity in his neighborhood. Chairman Boone asked Mr. Gibson to talk to law enforcement, that the county has no authority over drug activity in the county. Mr. Gibson stated he was targeted for illegal structures on his property. Mr. Gibson talked about his property being damaged and no one did anything about who damaged his property. Chairman Boone asked Mr. Gibson to talk to the sheriff about any illegal activity and other law enforcement issues. Chairman Boone asked Mr. Gibson to refrain from using profanity. Chairman Boone advised Mr. Gibson to make an appointment with the sheriff to discuss the issues that Mr. Gibson is having.

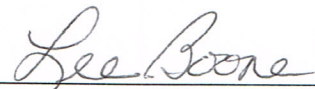
James Wesley Noles- 3590 Roosterville Road, he wanted to come to acquaint himself with the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Noles will be applying for rezoning for sawmill. This will be his 3rd sawmill. The sawmill will run off a generator, it will not be loud, almost no noise, no wood chips or dust. Mr. Noles will use all the logs, there will not be any waste.

Agenda Item # 11 – Executive Session – None.

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



County Clerk



Chairman

Date

