

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
February 15, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on February 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building to discuss SPLOST and other matters as needed. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. Chairman Boone opened the meeting by reminding the audience that the purpose was to discuss SPLOST Projects and other matters as needed. Chairman Boone, then invited SPLOST Manager Kevin Hamby to the podium. Mr. Hamby discussed lighting and infrastructure at the Heard County Arena (handouts). Mr. Hamby explained he thought it would be best for the Board to go ahead and buy the equipment now, fix the infrastructure, and then have the lighting installed. He also explained that if the lighting was done before the infrastructure was corrected, it could cause the lights to fail. Mr. Hamby went on to explain that the Board is looking at approximately \$100,000.00 for all the corrections in the arena area. Last, Mr. Hamby suggested that the Board go with option B and controls and get that ordered and in, he is going to check on several options to fix the infrastructure and come back at the next meeting with details. All commissioners agreed to go with option B as suggested by Mr. Hamby. Next Mr. Hamby gave an update on the Glover Road Project – All of the existing lights had been upgraded. Mr. Darold Wiggins did a great job making a road to the restrooms. The playground equipment and bathrooms should be in by the end of March, the sports courts should be done in April, and then the fence will be put in last. Mrs. Laurie Cook, Director of the Heard County Water Authority, came back with estimates for cleaning out the lagoons. The quote the Water Authority received for this clean out was \$237,240.00 and will be good until March 31, 2022.

Mrs. Cook also presented to the Board the installation cost for the belt press the Water Authority needed and the price for installation is \$39,132.00. Mrs. Cook asked that the Board allow them to use SPLOST funds to cover the cost of installation as well. The Board agreed to give them \$300,000.00 from SPLOST. Chairman Boone then discussed with the Board the request from the Superior Court Judges for an increase in their supplement. Chairman Boone then discussed with the Board their views on "Grandfather" clauses and how they proposed to deal with codes violations from people that feel they are grandfathered in. With there being no further business, the work session was adjourned.

