

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 22, 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 Commissioner 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 and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Hooks gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Service Award Presentation – Mr. Joe Adams, Former District 5

Commissioner – Chairman Boone and the Board presented a service award plaque to Mr. Joe Adams for his outstanding dedication and faithful service to the citizens of Heard County as Heard County District 5 Commissioner from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018. The entire Board thanked Mr. Adams for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Invited Guests – Mr. John Herbert Cranford, Jr., Coweta Judicial Circuit,

District Attorney – The newly elected district attorney, Mr. John Herbert Cranford, Jr., (Herb), introduced himself to the Board and stated how he was looking forward to working with Heard County as the new Coweta Judicial Circuit District Attorney. The Board congratulated him and stated they too were looking forward to working with Mr. Cranford.

Agenda Item # 5 - Public Hearing – Revocation of an Approved Special Use Application for a Communications Tower at 3216 Ga. Hwy. 34, Franklin, Georgia, Approved April, 2011 –

Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. He stated that in April of 2011, a special use application

by SBA Towers, Inc. was approved to construct a 180-foot monopole tower on property owned by Mr. Frank Arrington, located at 3215 Georgia Highway 34. He stated that this tower has never been built and Mr. Arrington is not receiving any compensation from SBA Towers. Mr. Arrington is requesting that this special use application be revoked. Stacie Morris, Zoning Administrator stated that she did contact SBA and received no information back from them. She stated there is no tower or equipment on the land. County Attorney Conner stated that the Board can revoke the special use if there was no permit obtained within 12 months of the application and there is nothing on the site. There being no further comments or questions, on motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 6 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018.

Agenda Item # 7 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked to amend new business to add item k – Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – New Business – a. Discuss Public Hearing Revocation – On motion (Walls) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to revoke the special use application from SBA Tower.

b. Update on Courthouse Renovations – Chairman Boone stated that the courthouse remodel project is on budget and on schedule and is estimated to be complete by the end of April.

c. Discuss Service Delivery Strategy – Sharon Armstrong, Plans & More – Ms. Armstrong with Plans & More gave the Board an update on the service delivery strategy. She explained to the Board that the deadline to submit the SDS is February 28, 2019. She stated that each memorandum of understanding agreement between the County and each municipality should be complete within the

next two weeks. She asked the Board to approve these agreements pending the municipalities approval and to allow Chairman Boone to sign the SDS on behalf of Heard County. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this motion.

d. Approve Resolution Relating to State Cable and Video Service Franchises – Chairman Boone stated that ACCG is recommending that each county in Georgia that wishes to receive cable franchise fees under a state franchise, must have a resolution filed with the Secretary of State establishing their franchise fee rate, up to a maximum of 5 percent of gross receipts. Heard County currently collects 5% from Charter Communications but does not have a resolution on file. He explained that if the County approves a resolution, they will also collect from Windstream or any other company that does business in Heard County. On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved a new state cable and video service franchise resolution.

e. Appoint Vice-Chairman for 2019 - On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Commissioner Hooks as Vice-Chairman for 2019.

f. Appoint County Clerk for 2019 - Chairman Boone recommended appointing Patty Jiles as County Clerk for 2019. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

g. Appoint Deputy County Clerk for 2019 – County Clerk Jiles recommended appointing Hope Cole as Deputy County Clerk for 2019. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

h. Appoint County Attorney for 2019 - Chairman Boone recommended appointing Jerry Ann Conner as County Attorney for 2019. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

i. Appoint County Auditor for 2019 - Chairman Boone recommended appointing Mr. Kim Kimmel as County Auditor for 2019. Chairman Boone stated that Felicia Adams, Finance Director recently spoke with Mr. Kimmel who stated his fee would remain the same as 2018. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

j. Schedule for 2019 Commissioners Meeting - On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted for the commissioner meeting date, time and place to remain the same as 2018; the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Heard County Administration Building, with the exception of the December, 2019 meeting which is being moved to the 3rd Tuesday in December.

k. Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors – On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Ms. Sandra Nolen to the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors for a three year term.

Agenda Item # 9 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 10 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 11 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Patty A. Giles

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 2/26/19

