

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 28, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on July 28, 2020 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 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 - Approval of Minutes - On motion (Hooks) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from June 23, 2020.

Agenda Item #4 - Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to new business to add item “d”--Appoint Rodney Kay, Superintendent of Heard County School System, to the CAFI Board and item “e”—Discuss five year levy. On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 5 - New Business - a. Discuss quotes on Heard County Jail HVAC - Chairman Boone stated on February 25th a meeting was held to discuss replacing the HVAC at the Heard County Jail. Chairman Boone received quotes from 1st Degree Heating and Air because we have a current contract with them, and the county has been using them for over ten years to complete service work and evaluations of each unit. Three quotes were given for three different units including the price of the unit and the unit plus labor. Commissioner Caldwell asked which unit was suggested by 1st Degree, the County Clerk stated that 1st Degree recommended Heil or Carrier. After some discussion Commissioner Caldwell stated that he did not see a big difference in price, and he suggested going

with the recommendation that 1st Degree made. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discuss appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors- Chairman Boone stated that Dustin Pate's term on the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors will expire at the end of July and that Mr. Pate has agreed to continue to serve on this Board if reappointed. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

c. Discuss appointment to the Planning Commission Board- Chairman Boone stated that Randy Chestnut's term expired at the end of February and agreed to continue serving on this Board if reappointed. On motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss appointment to the CAFI Board- Chairman Boone stated that Rodney Kay, Superintendent of Heard County School System, agreed to serve on this Board if appointed. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss five-year levy- Chairman Boone stated that he would like to discuss the five-year levy. Upon opening this discussion Commissioners Caldwell, Hooks, and Hammond stated they would like to leave the millage rate the same. Commissioner Walls stated that from community feedback he received that he thought the millage rate should increase to address raises in the county. Chairman Boone explained that Sales Tax revenue has been extremely short over the last three months. If this trend continues, the county could be down as much as \$500,000.00, and could result in difficult decisions needing to be made in the future. Chairman Boone stated that he does not think it is a good idea to consider a millage rate increase at this time. Commissioner Hammond stated that he believes the county needs an increase, but not at this time. After further discussion it was agreed that the five-

year levy would run as is. On motion (Hammond) second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – None

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comment - None

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None

Adjourned at 7:12

Hope Cole

County Clerk

Date August 25, 2020

Lee Boone

Chairman

