

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on December 17, 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, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearings – a. Public Hearing Regarding a Request to Rezone – Ala-Ga Roll Off Containers, Inc. / Andy Ethridge, 7727 U.S. Hwy. 27N – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and read the request from Ala-Ga Roll Off Containers, Inc. to amend zoning on 6.56 acres located at 7727 U.S. Hwy. 27, Roopville, Georgia, from rural development to general commercial. The purpose of the rezone is to build a metal building for office space. Applicant, Mr. Andy Ethridge spoke on behalf of his request. Adjoining landowner, Ms. Pat Morrision, 17365 U.S. Hwy. 27, Franklin, asked Mr. Ethridge and the Board several questions regarding this application. There being no further public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

b. Public Hearing Regarding Amendment to Heard County Zoning – Article 1, Sec 46-6 (h) Road Frontage - Community Development Block Grant Project – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and stated that after the Heard County Planning Commission recently reviewed the minutes from the 2004 Heard County Planning Commission meeting and the Board of Commissioners meeting, and the planning commission makes a recommendation to change Article 1, sec 46-6 (h) to

the following: (h) road frontage. Each lot is required to have 100 feet of road frontage to a public owned or maintained right-of-way and a driveway within the frontage. There being no further public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2019 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Caldwell asked to amend New Business to include item “e – Discuss Right of Way Spraying”. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Approve Resolution Regarding Update to 2017-2022

Comprehensive Plan - Chairman Boone stated this resolution is to amend the comprehensive land use plan for the upcoming CDBG grant discussed at the last meeting. He read the resolution into the minutes. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this resolution.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discussion/Decision – Rezoning Request; Ala-Ga Roll Off Containers, Inc. / Andy Ethridge – On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request with no conditions set forth.

b. Discussion/Decision – Amend Article 1 Sec. 46-6 (h) Regarding Road Frontage – Commissioner Walls stated that he had received feedback from Heard County citizens stating they would like to see the road frontage remain at 150 feet. Commissioner Denney stated she felt the original intention of the Board and the Planning Commission was for the road frontage to be 100 feet and it got misconstrued somewhere. Stacie Morris, Zoning Administrator stated that the Planning Commission has heard variances on the road frontage anywhere from 50 feet to 100 feet and they were approved by the

Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners. She stated this reduction in road frontage would eliminate the need for the variances and it would also help people split and sale properties. County Attorney Conner reminded the Board that anytime they hear a “variance” they are “varying” from their ordinance. After some discussion, Commissioner Denney made a motion to accept the Planning Commissions recommendation of 100 feet road frontage. There was no second to the motion. There being no second, the motion dies for lack of a second and the road frontage remains at 150 feet.

c. Set Schedule of 2020 Commissioners Meeting - On motion (Walls) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted for the commissioner meeting date, time and place to remain the same as 2019; the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Heard County Administration Building, with the exception of the November and December, 2020 meetings which are being moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, due to the holidays.

d. Approve Workplace Wellness Policy – Chairman Boone explained that Heard County recently received a \$2,000 Health and Wellbeing Incentive Grant from Association County Commissioner of Georgia (ACCG). In order for the County to meet the grant requirements, the County must adopt a Workplace Wellness Policy (see attached). On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this policy.

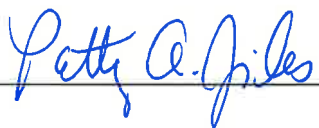
e. Discuss Right of Way Spraying – Commissioner Caldwell stated that he would like to discuss the spraying of the right of ways on County roads. He stated that he felt since the spraying has been done and not as much bushhogging, there is a lot of erosion on the right of ways. Chairman Boone stated this is the same procedure that the State of Georgia uses on their right of ways and he asked the Board if this conversation could be postponed until Public Works Director, Darold Wiggins can be present and involved in the conversation. Commissioner Caldwell stated that he would like to know the cost of the spraying versus the cost of bushhogging when Mr. Wiggins attends.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mr. Sammy Noles a resident at 6959 Ridgeway Road, Franklin stated that he was the Heard County Engineer for many years and was approached several times about weed killing on the side of right of ways and he didn't like it then and he doesn't like it now. He asked the Board to consider the cost of the weed killing versus bushhogging, which employs Heard County people, instead of paying an outside company to spray the right of ways.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 1/28/2020

