

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

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on January 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 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 Hearing – Special Use Application, Encounter Ministries, Inc., 1400 Notnomis Road, Franklin, Georgia** – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing, reviewed the public comment rules and read the special use application from Encounter Ministries Inc. He stated that Encounter Ministries, Inc. is requesting to be allowed to construct a worship center, a petting zoo, and a lodge, on 89.4 acres of land they own at 1400 Notnomis Road. Chairman Boone stated that after review, the Heard County Planning Commission made a recommendation to deny the special use application. Mr. Frank Jenkins, Attorney for Encounter Ministries stated the following on behalf of Encounter Ministries, “I wish to tell you tonight that Encounter Ministries does not believe it’s within the spirit of their Christian faith to engage in this contest for permission to have their Christian church in the county. Therefore, I am authorized to withdraw the application tonight.” There being no further comments or questions from the applicant or the Board, on motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

**Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2019** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None.**

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Discuss Special Use Application: Encounter Ministries –**  
Cancelled

**b. Appointment to Heard County Water Authority Board -** Chairman Boone stated that Mr. James Ray Gosdin’s appointment to the Heard County Water Authority Board will expire on February 14, 2020 and the Water Authority Board has requested that he be reappointed to this board. Mr. Gosdin is willing to be reappointed. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this reappointment.

**c. Appoint Vice-Chairman for 2020 –** On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Commissioner Hammond as Vice-Chairman for 2020.

**d. Appoint County Clerk for 2020 –** Chairman Boone recommended appointing Patty Jiles as County Clerk for 2020. On motion (Denney) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**e. Appoint Deputy County Clerk for 2020 –** Chairman Boone recommended appointing Hope Cole as Deputy County Clerk for 2020. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**f. Appoint County Attorney for 2020 –** Chairman Boone recommended appointing Jerry Ann Conner as County Attorney for 2020. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**g. Appoint County Auditor for 2020 -** Chairman Boone recommended appointing Mr. Kim Kimmel as County Auditor for 2020. Chairman Boone stated that Felicia Adams, Finance Director recently spoke with Mr. Kimmel who stated his fee would remain the same as 2019. On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.**


**Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – None.**

**Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.**

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

Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

  
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County Clerk

  
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Chairman

Date 2/26/2020