

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on June 25, 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 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney was not present but phoned into the meeting to participate.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag - Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – (Continued from May 28, 2019 meeting) Application for Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential – Mr. Paul Walls – Property located on Roosterville Road - Chairman Boone opened the public hearing for the continuation of the

application to rezone land located on Roosterville Road Franklin, GA from agricultural to R1.

County Attorney Conner stated that she did want to clarify that Commissioner Walls can participate in this public hearing and there is no conflict for him to do so. Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Lee, a representative for the applicant, is present and would like to speak regarding this application. Mr. Mike Lee spoke to the Board and encouraged them to only focus and discuss the zoning issue and not the issue of a potential subdivision on this property, if it were rezoned. He stated that he is asking for the property to be rezoned to R1 and he pointed out that the zoning surrounding the property is mainly rural development (RD). He stated that Heard County is a great community and he is looking forward to working with the community in the future.

Commissioner Walls asked Mr. Lee is there were any soil assessments or perk tests done yet on the property? Mr. Lee stated no, that would not be done until the rezoning is approved.

Mr. Paul Walls, the applicant for this rezoning, spoke to the Board stating he was born and raised in Heard County and inherited this land and would very much like to see this land developed into a subdivision that, in his opinion, is much needed in Heard County. He stated the property does not border Centralhatchee Creek and that there are no creeks on the property.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the rezoning request:

Mr. Lonnie Warren, 4513 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Cameron Sheppard, 5455 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Allen Dupree, 5364 Roosterville Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Larry Spruill, 43 Unity Road, Franklin, GA

Ms. Susan Holman, 3296 Welcome Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Paul Traylor, 739 Unity Road, Roopville, GA

Mr. David Barr, 1885 Antioch Road, Franklin, GA

Mr. Mike Robinson, 5100 Five Notch Road, Franklin, GA

Mrs. Alicia McClain, 410 Simpson Road, Franklin, GA

There being no further public comments and no further comments from the Board, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019 and June 11, 2019.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked to amend new business to add item “e” – Discuss Grant Administration and Engineering Services for CDBG Grant. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Decision on Public Hearing – Rezoning from Agriculture to Residential – Mr. Paul Walls, Roosterville Road – Commissioner Denney requested that a decision

on this public hearing be postponed until the next regular meeting on July 23, 2019. County Attorney Conner stated that there will be no public input at the next meeting since the Board voted to close the public hearing. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the request to postpone a decision.

b. Discuss GEFA Resolution for Heard County Water Authority – Chairman Boone stated that Executive Director, Laurie Cook with the Heard County Water Authority asked the Board to sign a resolution saying that Heard County will co-sign with the Heard County Water Authority on their \$2.5 million GEFA loan they are applying for, for improvements to the water plant. He stated that this was discussed and approved in the commissioner meeting on June 26, 2018. This resolution is the official resolution that must go with the GEFA loan documents. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve this resolution and for Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of Heard County.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Approve 2019-2020 Budget – On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved the FY2019-2020 budget.

b. Approve Georgia Fund One Resolution – Chairman Boone stated that Finance Director, Felicia Adams has researched financial institutions to place the SPLOST 5 monies in for investment purposes. He stated that after much consideration, Georgia Fund One which is a local government investment pool, was chosen and a resolution is required to proceed with opening the account. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this resolution and for Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of Heard County.

c. Discuss 2020 Census Local Complete County Committee Formation – Chairman Boone stated that Commissioner Hammond and Commissioner Walls recently attended a 2020 Census meeting. Commissioner Hammond stated that the meeting was very informative and give him some insight into

why the census is necessary every 10 years. Commissioner Walls stated that it was very important and necessary for each resident of Heard County to be counted. Kathy Knowles, Executive Director of the Heard County Development Authority and the Heard County Community Partnership (HCCP) stated that HCCP is willing to serve as Heard County's complete count committee and HCCP will help organize the census count in Heard County. She stated that the August HCCP meeting will have a representative from the census bureau present to explain what the complete count committee is responsible for. Chairman Boone thanked Ms. Knowles and HCCP for taking on this role for Heard County.

d. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Department of Family and Children Services

(DFACS) Board – Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Fred Harcrow's term on the DFACS Board will expire on June 30, 2019. Mr. Harcrow has expressed interest in continuing to serve on this board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Mr. Harcrow to the DFACS Board for a four year term to run from July 1, 2019 to June 20, 2024.

e. Discuss Grant Administration and Engineering Services for CDBG Grant – Chairman Boone stated that the request for proposals for the grant administration and engineering services for the CDBG grant were recently received. The scoring committee opened and scored the grant firms and engineering firms and made a recommendation to hire Allen Smith Consulting as the grant administrator and Carter & Sloope as the engineering firm on this project. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to hire Allen Smith Consulting as the grant administrator. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to hire Carter & Sloope as the engineering firm on this project.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Mrs. Alicia McClain, 410 Simpson Road, Franklin stated she was concerned that Mr. Paul Walls has no money invested in the property he wishes to get rezoned on

Roosterville Road and therefore, doesn't have an interest in what the impact of this could be on Heard County.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Patty A. Giles

County Clerk

Date 7/23/19

Lee Boone

Chairman

