

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MAY 22, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on May 22, 2018 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 Joe Adams and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Service Award Presentation – Ms. Martha Kilgore** – Chairman Boone and the Board presented a service award plaque to Ms. Martha Kilgore for 20 years of continuous service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Ms. Kilgore for her loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

**Agenda Item # 4 - Public Hearings – a. Text Amendment to Agricultural Zoning Classification –** Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. He stated that the Planning Commission has made a recommendation to approve a text amendment to allow horse stables in the agricultural zoning classification. There being no public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

**b. Special Use Application – Klaus & Katharina Huenermann, 1463 Welcome Road, Roopville, GA 30170** – Chairman Boone re-opened the public hearing that was continued from April, 2018. He re-read the application requesting a special use be granted for the purpose of a guest house to be used as a vacation rental. Chairman Boone stated that after the property was inspected by Chief Wirth and the fire marshal; Chief Wirth recommended several issues be addressed as stated in the attached letter. These issues were addressed as stated in another letter Chief Wirth presented. (see attached).

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

**Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from April 24, 2018.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda** – Commissioner Caldwell asked to amend New Business to include item “g – Discuss Craven Drive”. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this amendment.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Intergovernmental Agreement with Heard County School District** – Chairman Boone explained that recently Heard County School Superintendent, Rodney Kay and Heard County Sheriff Ross Henry met with Chairman Boone to discuss the school system entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Heard County, the Sheriff and the school system for the employment of a school resource officer. As stated in the attached contract, the Sheriff will be supervising this individual and the school system will be paying the costs of all salaries and benefits for this person. County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner has reviewed this agreement and discussed it with the Sheriff and the school system. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this agreement and gave permission to Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the County.

**b. Decision on Text Amendment to Agricultural Zoning Classification** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a text amendment to allow horse stables in the agricultural zoning classification.

**c. Discuss Ordinance Amendment for Special Events** – The Heard County Planning Commission has recommended to approve an ordinance amendment for special events to allow horse stables in the agricultural zoning classification. Ms. Conner has reviewed this with the Planning Commission and

has provided a redline version with changes. She is recommending approving the ordinance with the redline changes indicated. (see attached). On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**d. Approve Heard County Transit Policies Required by Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)** – Chairman Boone stated that Transit Director, Samantha McKinney has asked the Board to approve the attached procurement policy and drug and alcohol policy for Heard County Transit. She has stated that the GDOT and FTA are now requiring these policies for any entity who receives grant funds. Ms. Conner has reviewed both policies. On motion (Denney) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved both policies.

**e. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Family and Children Services (DFACS)** – Chairman Boone stated that the Heard County Board of Family and Children Services (DFACS) has stated that Mrs. Debbie Rogers board appointment expires on June 30, 2018. Mrs. Rogers has expressed her desire to be reappointed to this board. On motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously reappointed Mrs. Rogers.

**f. Discuss Appointment to West Georgia Regional Joint Development Authority** – Chairman Boone stated that the Development Authority of Heard County voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Leighton Alston's re-appointment to the Greater West Georgia Regional Joint Development Authority. Mr. Alston has expressed his desire to be reappointed to this board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously reappointed Mr. Alston.

**g. Discuss Craven Drive** – Mr. Durell Langley, 211 Thomas Street, Roopville (Ephesus); addressed the Board regarding the need for a resident of Craven Drive, to get approval to temporarily live in a camper for one year. Mr. Langley explained the situation with this individual and how he needs temporary power for the camper. Zoning Administrator, Stacie Morris stated that she has explained to

Mr. Langley that this is in violation of the county zoning and she cannot issue a permit for this resident to live in a camper unless he is building a home on the property. She explained that she would need a blueprint for a site built home and a septic system approval letter before she could issue a temporary power permit. After further discussion, Commissioner Caldwell suggested to Mr. Langley that he provide blueprints for a home to be built on the property and a septic system approval letter to Ms. Morris. All agreed.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – a. Decision on Special Use Application – Klaus & Katharina Huenermann** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved that a special use be granted, for the purpose of a guest house to be used as a vacation rental on Mr. and Mrs. Huenermann's property.

**b. Discuss Glover Road Park Renovations – Kathy Knowles, Executive Director, Development Authority of Heard County** – Kathy Knowles, Executive Director, Development Authority of Heard County stated that no decisions were made in the Development Authority meeting held earlier that day, regarding Glover Road Park renovations. She did ask the Board to come to a consensus on what they would like to see at Glover Road and she gave several suggestions. No decisions were made.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments** – None.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Executive Session** – Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and real estate. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session. On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to return to open session. In Executive Session, potential litigation and real estate were discussed with no decisions made.

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

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Patty A. Giles

County Clerk



Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 6/26/18