

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 19, 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 – Presentation of Service Award – Mr. Scott Parrott - Chairman Boone and the Board presented a service award plaque to Mr. Scott Parrott for 35 years of continuous service to Heard County. The entire Board thanked Mr. Parrott for his loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Hearings – a. Public Hearing Regarding an Update on 2017-2022 Comprehensive Plan Community Work Program – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and explained to the Board that this public hearing is required due to the County applying for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He explained that in order for the water distribution system to be extended into the Southeast unincorporated portions of Heard County, this hearing is required. Debra Smith with Allen Smith Consulting explained that the Comprehensive Plan Community Work Program would need to be updated to include the proposed CDBG project. She explained that the Board would need to adopt the newly changed plan at their December meeting. There being no public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

b. Public Hearing Regarding Community Development Block Grant Project – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and stated that this public hearing is to gather citizen input into what the County wishes to do with the CDBG grant money, if received. Debra Smith with Allen Smith Consulting explained that the grant money is federal money from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is administered through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The application deadline is April 1, 2020 to apply for \$750,000. Heard County will have a cash match of \$22,500 if the money is received. She stated the County should know by August, 2020, if they are awarded the money or not. She explained it is a very competitive application process but she feels as if this project is a very worthwhile project that would service approximately 122 people in the area of North River and South River Circle by providing them with county water. Mr. Richard Brown a resident from 221 S. River Circle stated he has lived in this area for 32 years and has had issues with no water pressure and being out of water several times. He stated he is excited about this project. There being no further public comments and no comments from the Board, on motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

c. Public Hearing Regarding a Special Use Application for Dog Training – Tambra and Stephen Hamilton, 464 Gray Road, Roopville (Heard County) – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and read the request from Tambra and Steve Hamilton, 464 Gray Road requesting the construction of a professional grade dog dock jumping pool for training and competitive purposes. He stated that the Planning Commission has made a recommendation to approve this special use application. Applicant, Mrs. Hamilton spoke regarding this request and explained that she and her husband are requesting a special use permit to be able to construct a 45x17 pool and a 30-40 foot long dock for the purpose of training dogs to dock jump. She presented a powerpoint presentation to the Board explaining this dog

sport. There being no public comments and no 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 – October 22, 2019 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Walls asked to amend New Business to include item “c – Discuss Current Subdivision Ordinances” specifically the livestock and agriculture zoning classification. On motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discussion/Decision – Special Use Application – Tandra and Stephen Hamilton – On motion (Denney) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request with no conditions set forth.

b. Approve Resolution Regarding Qualification Fees for Elected County Officials – On motion (Denney) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved a resolution (see attached) to set the qualification fees for elected county officials for the 2020 primary or election.

c. Discuss Current Subdivision Ordinances – Commissioner Walls expressed his concern with the current Heard County subdivision ordinance and how it does not limit how many animals can be on a 5 acre tract that is zoned agriculture. Commissioner Denney stated that there is a State law that states how many animals can be on a 5 acre tract. County Attorney Conner stated, yes, and this can be stated in the Heard County Ordinance if the County so desires.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments – Mr. Michael Robinson a resident at 5100 Five Notch Road, Franklin stated that he was at the planning commission meeting that addressed the new subdivision

that is being planned for Notnomis Road and he felt as if there were still a lot of questions not addressed at that meeting, before the subdivision was approved.

Agenda Item # 10 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Patty A. Giles

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 12/17/19

