

## HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2018-6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 23, 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, welcomed everyone present and gave the invocation.

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

**Agenda Item # 4 – Public Hearing – a. Special Use Application; Southern Linc – Cellphone Tower Located on Property Owned by Brian & Cara Garrett Located on Charlie B.**

**Johnston Road** - Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and read the request from Southern Linc to construct a telecommunication tower on property owned by Brian and Cara Garrett located on Charlie B. Johnston Road. Zoning Administrator Stacie Morris stated that after reviewing the request the Heard County Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve this special use application with conditions (attached). Chairman Boone reviewed the public comment rules and asked for any public comments. Mr. Clay Brogdon, a Southern Linc representative spoke in favor of the request for public safety reasons, Mr. Jim Barnes a Georgia Power representative spoke in favor of the request. The owner of the property on C.B. Johnston

Road, Mr. Brian Garrett spoke in favor of the request. The following citizens spoke in opposition to the request:

Mr. Jerome Bryant, 1099 C.B. Johnston Road, Franklin

Mrs. Paige Bryant, 1099 C.B. Johnston Road, Franklin

Mr. Tracey Lettelleir, 741 C. B. Johnston Road, Franklin

There being no further discussion, on motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), 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 September 25, 2018.

**Agenda Item # 6 - Amend Agenda** – None.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Special Use Application** – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**b. Discuss Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit FY20** - Chairman Boone asked the Board to approve the continuance of the grant for the 5311 Heard County Transit program for FY20. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved the resolution and authorized Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the Board.

**c. Discuss Road Paving – Starpoint Road** – Mr. Terry Harper, on behalf of Glenloch Baptist Church, asked the Board if the County would be willing to pave approximately 500 feet of Starpoint Road. He explained that Glenloch Baptist Church recently had their church parking lot recently paved and the private paving company was willing to pave that part of Starpoint Road for approximately \$8,500.00. County Attorney Conner stated that the County would need to

enter into a contract with the paving company themselves. Commissioner Hooks stated he was not in favor of paving this portion of Starpoint Road since he has several dirt/gravel roads in his district that he can't get paved. Chairman Boone stated he was concerned about only paving a portion of the road. He stated he felt there would be several upset residents on this road, if their portion of Starpoint Road did not get paved.

Commissioner Denney asked what if Glenloch Baptist Church wanted to pave that portion of the road? Attorney Conner stated that she believes the church could reimburse the County but that the actual contract would be between the County and the paving company. Commissioner Hammond stated he felt this would set a bad precedence to other churches that are located on other Heard County dirt/gravel roads. Commissioner Hooks asked Attorney Conner to research further if the church could actually reimburse the County for the paving.

**d. Discuss Convenience Center Operating Hours** – Chairman Boone stated he would like to change the operating hours of the convenience centers during the winter. He explained that currently, with the time change, the center is dark for approximately 2 hours each day. He suggested changing the outlying centers operation hours to 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and the new hours for the center at Old Field Road will be 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday. Saturday hours will remain the same for all centers. After March 10, 2019 when daylight savings time begins, all centers will revert back to their normal hours of operation as printed on the back of the permits. This change is meant to increase the daylight hours of operation for the centers. The Board unanimously agreed.

**e. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Tax Assessors** – Chairman Boone stated that Mr. Jerry Nixon's term on the Heard County Board of Tax Assessors expires on November

21, 2018. Mr. Nixon does wish to be reappointed to this board. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved to reappoint Mr. Nixon.

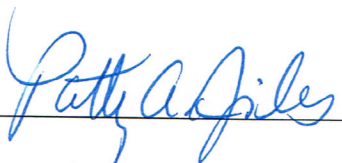
**Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business** – None.

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

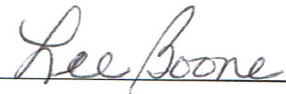
**Agenda Item #10 – Executive Session** - On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Chairman Boone stated in Executive Session, possible litigation was discussed with no decisions made.

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

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
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County Clerk

  
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Chairman

Date 11/27/18 \_\_\_\_\_

