

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 24, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 24, 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 and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Hooks gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – a. Special Use Application – Klaus & Katharina

Huenermann, 1463 Welcome Road, Roopville, Georgia 30170 – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing and 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. Mr. Huenermann explained that he owns a horse farm located at 1463 Welcome Road where he provides horse breeding, boarding and training. He stated he would also like to use his guest house for long term vacation rentals. Chairman Boone stated that the Planning Commission recommended to approve this special use application with the condition that Chief Wirth's recommendations are followed and the property must pass Chief Wirth's approval. County Attorney Conner stated that this public hearing would need to be continued until these items are addressed and Chief Wirth has an opportunity to re-inspect the property. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to continue this public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from March 27, 2018.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commissioner Adams asked to amend New Business to include item “d – Discuss Glover Road Park”. On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this amendment.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Decision on Special Use – Postponed until next meeting.

b. Approve Road Contracts for 2018 Road Projects – Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director –

Mr. Wiggins presented three bids for the resurfacing of Frolona Road. The bids were as follows:

C.W. Matthews	-	\$583,306.10
E.R. Snell Contractor	-	\$614,978.40
Baldwin Paving Co., Inc.	-	\$698,636.50

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the bid from C.W. Matthews for \$583,306.10. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Mr. Wiggins presented two bids for the surface treatment of multiple roads in Heard County. The bids were as follows:

Middle Georgia Paving	-	\$618,561.70
Everett Dykes Grassing Co.	-	\$697,717.30

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the bid from Middle Georgia Paving for \$618,561.70. On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Mr. Wiggins presented two bids for high density mineral bond on multiple roads in Heard County. The bids were as follows:

Blount Construction	-	\$109,423.26
Whitaker Contracting	-	\$196,143.75

Mr. Wiggins recommended accepting the bid from Blount Construction for \$109,423.26. On motion (Hammond) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

c. Approval of Resolution Regarding Chattahoochee Old Town Riverway a Part of Middle Chattahoochee River Water Trail – Chairman Boone asked Commissioner Hammond to speak regarding this resolution. Commissioner Hammond asked Heard County resident, Tisha Brangan to speak to the Board regarding this resolution. Ms. Brangan explained to the Board that she became interested in preserving the beauty of the Chattahoochee when she began kayaking. She stated the Chattahoochee Old Town Riverway is a waterway trail that is a non-profit organization she started to help people have more respect for our parks and resources. She stated that Chattahoochee Old Town Riverway is part of the Middle Chattahoochee River Water Trail. It begins at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area at Peachtree Creek in Fulton County and goes all the way to West Point Lake. Chairman Boone read the resolution into the minutes. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this resolution.

d. Discuss Glover Road Park – Commissioner Joe Adams presented a drawing with a possible proposal on a course of action that he felt could be taken with the current Glover Road Park. Commissioner Adams suggested having restrooms available to the public for kayakers, fisherman and people exercising at the park. He proposed that this park could also possibly become an outlet for kayakers to camp overnight if they so desired. Chairman Boone reminded the Board of the vandalism that was done to this park and how he had approached the Board a few years back about this. He expressed his concerns about future vandalism and funding for any of these improvements that Commissioner Adams spoke of. After further conversation, Chairman Boone asked Kathy Knowles, Executive Director of the Development Authority of Heard County to come forward and discuss this topic. Ms. Knowles explained that she had recently been notified by Senator Matt Brass that the Department of Natural Resources has requested \$250,000.00 be put in the State's budget that would fund the Bush Head Shoals Park project and would therefore free up \$250,000.00 from the

Development Authority to possibly help with the funding at Glover Road Park for any renovations and/or additions. She explained that the Development Authority recently discussed making Glover Road Park as an outlet for kayakers. She stated that the Development Authority would be discussing this further and getting back to the Board with their ideas and/or proposals.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – Ms. Tisha Brangan suggested to the Board the idea of possibly a waterpark at the Glover Road Park.

Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Patricia A. Giles
County Clerk



Lee Boone
Chairman

Date 5/22/18