

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
October 18, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 18, 2022, 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 James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls, and County Attorney Michael Hill.

Agenda Item # 1 – Chairman Boone called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag** – Chairman Boone welcomed everyone in attendance, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearings – Chairman Boone highlighted the rules governing all public hearings to the audience and asked all participants to sign the sheet at the podium for which hearing they wish to speak at. Chairman Boone also advised to state their name and address for audio recording purposes before they address the Board.**

**Hearing #1 – Application from Brandon Hannah to Rezone property at 9891 Hwy 34.**

**Brandon Hannah spoke to the Board and asked to rezone this property from Multi Family Residential to Single Family Residential. No other person spoke regarding this application.**

**On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to close this public hearing.**

**Hearing-Part # 2 – Application from Brandon Hannah to rezone property at 9869 Hwy 34.**

**Brandon Hannah spoke to the Board and asked to rezone this property from Multi Family Residential to Single Family Residential. No other person spoke regarding this application.**

**On a motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to close this public hearing.**

**Hearing #3 – Application from Donald Rogers to rezone property at 11730 Hwy 100.**

**Donald Rogers spoke to the Board and asked to rezone this property from Rural Development to Single Family Residential. No other person spoke regarding this application. On a motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board voted unanimously to close this public hearing.**

**Hearing #4 – Draft Revisions to Heard County, Franklin, Centralhatchee and Ephesus Joint Comprehensive Lane Use Plan. Heard County Planner Sharon Armstrong spoke to the Board to confirm a workshop and revision meeting have been held, and to advise the public the Draft Plan has been completed and all updates have been done. Ms. Armstrong stated that if the Draft is approved, a link will be placed on the County’s Website for public view to include the comments and revisions and will remain there while being reviewed by the Regional Commission. No other person spoke regarding this Joint Comprehensive Lane Use Plan Update. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to close this public hearing.**

**Agenda Item # 4- Approval of Minutes – On a motion (Hooks) and second (Perry) the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022, regular Commission Meeting.**

**Agenda Item # 5- Amend Agenda- On a motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to add Part #2 to item a. under Public Hearings & New Business.**

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business**

a. **Decision on Application by Brandon Hannah to Rezone property at 9891 Hwy 34 Franklin. On a motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to Rezone from Multi Family to Single Family.**

**Part #2 - Decision on Application by Brandon Hannah to Rezone property at 9869 Hwy 34 Franklin. On a motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to Rezone from Multi Family to Single Family.**

b. **Decision on Application by Donald Rogers to Rezone property at 11730 Hwy 100 Franklin. On a motion (Walls) and second (Caldwell), the Board voted unanimously to Rezone from Rural Development to Single Family.**

c. **Accept Quit Claim Deed for property on Dunson Shoals Road. Attorney Hill recommended the Board to accept this as a gift/donation to the County to make it official. On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to accept the property as a gift/donation to Heard County.**

d. **Decision on unsafe, partially collapsed dwelling at 470 GA HWY 100 Hogansville. Ms. Margie Lynn Cash, 6656 Corinth Road Hogansville (property owner), spoke to the Board regarding the violation notice she received from Codes Enforcement. Ms. Cash confirmed that she owned the property and dwelling and that it was partially collapsed and unsafe. Codes Enforcement recommended a 30-day period to tear the structure down and remove the debris. Ms. Cash agreed that she could get something started in that period to come into compliance.**

e. **Franklin Mayor Kevin Hayes disseminated a power point presentation to each Board member highlighting a breakdown on the current services and LOST Distribution between the City and the County. Mayor Hayes stated that due to the rise in**

**inflationary costs of everything, the General Fund budget for City of Franklin has barely enough to maintain current services and meet their financial obligations including payroll. Mayor Hayes concluded that the City of Franklin is requesting an additional one percent from the Local Option Sales Tax proceeds from the County. Chairman Boone stated that the Finance Director was in the process of compiling all the data and stats, and the preliminary numbers indicated that the 12% the city was receiving was generous based on population and services provided by each local government. The Commissioners indicated that they would like to see the final draft of our calculations before a decision is made. Chairman Boone stated that the calculations and presentation should be finalized this week, and a called meeting with the local municipalities will be held to determine if a compromise can be reached.**

- f. Approval of Draft Revisions to the Joint Comprehensive Plan- Ms. Sharon Armstrong informed the Board the Draft Revisions to the Heard County, Franklin, Centralhatchee and Ephesus Joint Comprehensive Plan has been completed and is ready to submit to the Regional Commission for review. Ms. Armstrong stated for the record that all Mayors were present, and a roll call vote was required from all Representatives in attendance following a motion and second to approve and submit the draft revisions. On a motion (Crockett) and second (Rogers) to approve and submit the draft revisions to the Regional Commission, a roll call vote was conducted and approved unanimously. Chairman Boone then read a draft letter addressed to the Regional Commission from the Chairman to include with the draft revisions on behalf of the Board and requested an approval vote. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted**

**unanimously to adopt the letter to be signed by the Chairman to be included with the draft revisions.**

**Agenda Item # 7- OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Decision/Discussion on Concession Agreement with Chattahoochee Outdoors LLC-**
- Ms. Raven Neill of Chattahoochee Outdoors LLC and Ms. Kathy Knowles of the Development Authority addressed the Board regarding the revised Concession Agreement, and Ms. Neill stated that she would agree with 10% of profits going to Heard County, and the Board had no issues with the Concession Agreement as revised by Attorney Hill. Commissioner Hammond expressed concerns about the need to widen the road to accommodate a shuttle bus and the likelihood of increased traffic flow to the park. Mr. David Barker of 308 Bush Head Shoals Road, Franklin, advised the Board his main concern is the narrow width of the road. Ms. Jane Barker of 308 Bush Head Shoals Road, Franklin, spoke to the Board with the same concerns, and stated that they would be willing to donate the land to widen the road. It was agreed by the Board that the Public Works Director mark and/or flag the right of way to safely widen the road and confirm that amount of land needed with Mr. Barker. After additional general discussion, on a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to enter into the Concession Agreement with Chattahoochee Outdoors LLC and give the Chairman authority to sign on behalf of the Board.**


**Agenda Item # 8- Public Comments-There were no public comments.**


**Agenda Item # 9- Executive Session**

**On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board voted unanimously to enter regular session after possible litigation was discussed.**

**Agenda Item # 10- Adjourn**

**On a motion (Caldwell) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

  
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County Clerk

  
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Chairman

Date 11-15-2022

