

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
October 18, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on October 18, 2022, at 5:00 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, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls.


Chairman Boone asked Codes Enforcement James McDonald to address the Board regarding the complaints and issues he was experiencing with unsafe structures in the county. There are several dwellings in the County that are in a partially collapsed state and need to be torn down. The Commissioners agreed that each situation may have exigent circumstances regarding ownership, probate estate issues, if the property is visible from the road and easily accessible to trespass. The Board supported Codes Enforcement efforts to address this situation, however a hearing before the Board may be needed in certain situations before any enforcement action is taken.

Chairman Boone asked Chief Short to address the Board regarding the current equipment status for EMA and fire. Chief Short gave each Board member a handout with a picture of each fire truck and ambulance, captioned with the year, make and mileage. Chief Short informed the Board that he spoke to the manufacturer and confirmed an 18 to 24 month waiting period on the order of any new fire truck or ambulance. He expressed concern that this time frame for delivery was estimated and not guaranteed, and the shortage of parts was hindering repairs on trucks in the fleet. Chief Short thanked the Board for their support on the purchase of the most recent used fire truck and stated that he would like to acquire another good used fire truck due to the parts shortage and time frame on new truck deliveries. A worst-case scenario would be multiple fire trucks out of service for minor repairs, and parts are not readily available. After discussion the Board unanimously authorized the purchase of an

additional used fire truck as a proactive measure to ensure adequate fire protection during these unprecedented times of uncertainty and shortages.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 11/15/2022

