

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**February 20, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on February 20, 2024, 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 Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. County Attorney Michael Hill was also present at the meeting.

**Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag**

Chairman Lee Boone called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present, and gave the invocation.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearings**

The Chairman went over the rules for the public hearing and asked that each person speak directly into the microphone.

- a) **Application for Special Use, Brent Harris, 500 Loblolly Lane** – This hearing was continued from the January 16, 2024, meeting. There were no public comments on the application. On a motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing

**Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 16, 2024, regular Commissioner’s meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024, regular Commissioner’s meeting as written.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda**

There were no amendments.

## **Agenda Item # 6 – New Business**

### **a. Decision - Application for Special Use, Brent Harris, 500 Loblolly Lane**

Commissioner Walls stated that the applicant, Mr. Harris, did send the Board more information on the site plan. On a motion (Walls) and second (Harris), the Board voted four (4) to one (1), Commissioner Hammond voted against the motion, to approve the application with the following conditions: the security plan be approved by the Heard County Sheriff's Office, the emergency response plan be approved by Heard County E.M.A., a site visit by the Commissioners, and all the conditions be completed within sixty (60) days prior to the event.

### **b. Appointments to the Heard County DFACS Board**

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Martha Caputa to the Heard County DFACS Board.

### **c. Appointments to the Heard County Water Authority Board**

Commissioner Perry spoke with applicant, Constance Nelms, before the meeting. Mrs. Nelms was unable to attend the meeting due to mandated training for her current employer. On a motion (Perry) and a second (Hooks), the Board voted four (4) to one (1), with Commissioner Harris abstaining, to appoint Constance Nelms to the Heard County Water Authority Board.

### **d. Letter of request from Leopold F. Joh to remove historic designation of the Lonnie Bell Estate**

Chairman Boone welcomed Leopold Joh to the podium. Mr. Joh is the executor of the Lonnie Bell Estate. The heirs of the estate would like to sell the property but due to the land being placed under Historic designation the value of the land is appraised at a significantly lower value. Mr. Joh is requesting the designation be removed in order to get fair market value for the property. Attorney Hill stated that the property was part of a zoning overlay and recommended that the

zoning procedures law be followed. He suggested that the applicant complete the procedure to rezone the property to revoke the Historic designation.

**e. Adopt SPLOST Spending Plan for 2024-2025**

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the SPLOST V Spending Plan for 2024-2025 in the amount of nine million, four hundred and four thousand dollars (\$9,404,000).

**Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business**

None.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments**

Mark Callahan, Pearidge Road, Franklin, GA – Addressed the Board regarding solar farm ordinances.

**Item # 9 – Executive Session**

There was no executive session

**Item # 10 – Adjourn**

There being no further business, on a motion (Hooks) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned 7:24 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 03/19/2024

