

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 16, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on April 16, 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 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks was unable to attend. 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

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

- a) **Application for Casey Pierce** – The Chairman stated that the applicant, Casey Pierce, had requested to postpone her hearing at the previous March meeting, until the April meeting. Since then, Ms. Pierce has suspended her application. There will be no public hearing for the application due to it being withdrawn by the applicant.
- b) **Application for Hillside Villas, LLC** – The Chairman opened the public hearing. The Chairman stated the applicant was requesting to rezone 2 acres of land located at 11630 GA Hwy 100 Franklin, GA from Single Family Residential to Commercial to be used for a Habitat For Humanity Re-Store. Applicant and owner, Brandon Hannah of Joe Stephens Roads, Franklin greeted the Board. He stated that Habitat for Humanity would like to open a Re-Store on the property. He explained that a Re-Store is a place where

building materials and supplies are donated and resold at a discounted price, the funds collected go back into the community to rehab properties and build homes.

Commissioner Hammond asked who would be remodeling the structure located on the property. Mr. Hannah stated that an architect is currently working on the design and layout of the property. Once completed, everything will go out for bid by certified people, with all work being done according to code. There were no comments for or against the application. On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 19, 2024, Work Session meeting and regular Commissioner’s meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 19, 2024, Work Session meeting minutes and regular Commissioner’s meeting minutes as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda

There were no amendments.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business

a. Decision - Application from Casey Pierce

The application was withdrawn.

b. Decision - Application from Hillside Villas, LLC

On a motion (Harris) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to approve the application.

c. Discussion/Decision – Paving Bids

The County received six (6) bids on the Asphalt Resurfacing project. E.R. Snell had the lowest bid price of two million four hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$2,488,476.00). On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to accept the bid from E.R. Snell for the asphalt resurfacing bid in the amount of two million four hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$2,488,476.00).

d. Appointment to the Planning Commission Board

Commissioner Hammond recommended the Board appoint Laurie Ann Gibson. He stated that he believed she had some good qualifications that would benefit the current Board. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), with Commissioner Walls in favor and Commissioner Harris opposing, the Board voted three (3) to one (1) to appoint Laurie Anne Gibson to the Planning Commission Board.

e. Appointment to the Board Of Elections

Elections Supervisor, Tonnie Adams addressed the Board to recommended Mrs. Margaret Alice Holmes be reappointed to the Board Of Elections. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Margaret Alice Holmes to the Board Of Elections.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business

None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments

The following individuals spoke to the Board regarding various issues:

- Buddy Copeland, Hammett Circle, Hogansville, GA
- Parks Lane, Lane Road, Franklin, GA
- James Wilson, Johnson Road, Franklin, GA

- Brad Jackson, Dairy Road, Franklin, GA
- Jeff Rood, Glenlock Road, Franklin, GA

Item # 9 – Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Item # 10 – Adjourn

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

Adjourned 7:10 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 05/21/24

