

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**June 20, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on June 20, 2023, 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 and Finance Director Felicia Adams were 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 # 4 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the May 16, 2023, regular Commissioner’s meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Harris) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023, regular Commissioner’s Meeting as written.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda**

No amendments.

**Agenda Item # 6 – New Business**

**a. Adopt - Heard County Annual Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024**

Chairman Boone read the Heard County 2023-2024 budget resolution into the minutes. On a motion (Perry) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to approve the Heard County Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

**b. Approve – Use and transfer of ARPA Funds**

On motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Resolution for the use and transfer of ARPA Funds.

**c. Discuss – Quote from MES/Commissioner Perry**

Commissioner Perry was interested in learning more about the benefits of upgrading the Jaws of Life equipment to an electronic version. Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Bell, addressed the Board regarding pricing and benefits of converting from the current hydro version to an all-electronic version. The discussion was tabled until next month at which time Robert Bell will present a comparison list.

**d. Approve – Invoice from JM Wood**

On motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to approve the acquisition of two dump trucks, totaling \$466,430, to be paid out of SPLOST.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business**

**Decision -Application from Brian Fredericks**

Brian Fredericks did not attend the meeting. On motion (Walls) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to deny the application for Brian Fredericks.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments**

- a. Kimberly Hearn, 338 Young Road, addressed the Board regarding Ephesus needing drink machines.
- b. Andrew Betts, 461 Ash Road, addressed the Board to ask about the use of asphalt millings and ditching roads with motor graders.
- c. Harjo, 933 Mahaley Road, addressed the Board regarding atv's causing damage to the road.

d. Jerry Nixon, 1511 Antioch Road, addressed the Board regarding cleaning the ditches on Mahaley Road.

**Item # 9 – Executive Session**

Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session. On motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to return to open session. Chairman Boone stated that in executive session, potential litigation was discussed.

**Item # 10 – Adjourn**

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

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 07/18/2023

