

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

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on July 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, District 5 Commissioner David Walls. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks was unable to attend.

**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 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Work Session and regular Commissioner's meeting on June 18, 2024, the Work Session on June 27, 2024, and the Called meeting on June 27, 2024, were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to approve the Work Session and regular Commissioner's meeting held on June 18, 2024, the Work Session on June 27, 2024, and the Called meeting on June 27, 2024, meeting minutes as written.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda**

The Chairman asked for an amendment to add item "c." Discuss Development Authority Board Appointments, under New Business. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item "c." Discuss Development Authority Board Appointments, under New Business.

## **Agenda Item # 5 – New Business**

### **a. Decision to renew contract between Heard County & Corp of Engineers for Snake Creek Park**

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to renew the lease between Heard County & Corp of Engineers for Snake Creek Park, extending the agreement from June 15, 2023, to June 15, 2038. Additionally, they authorized the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the county.

### **b. Adopt Memorandum for Tipping Fees (Scale) & Update to Rules & Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities Regulated by Heard County**

The Chairman addressed the substantial rise in landfill pricing and emphasized the need to adjust the tipping fees to mitigate the increased costs. It was proposed to raise the tipping fee from the current \$50 per ton to \$75 per ton. Additionally, the Chairman stated that there is also a need to update the rules and regulations for using the facility. On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the memorandum as written to the Heard County Public Works Department regarding solid waste facilities.

### **c. Discuss Development Authority Appointments**

Development Authority Director Kathy Knowles addressed the Board about the need to fill vacancies on the Development Authority Board and the 20/27 Corridor Regional Joint Development Authority Board following Rodney Kay's resignation. The Development Authority recommends appointing Mike Roberts to serve the remainder of the unexpired term as the school board representative, which ends on July 31, 2028. Additionally, they request the reappointment of Tonya King to a full four-year term,

also expiring on July 31, 2028. Ms. Knowles further recommended appointing Phyllis Woodson to the 20/27 Corridor Regional Joint Development Authority Board to complete Mr. Kay's unexpired term, which ends on September 30, 2024. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mike Roberts to the Development Authority Board for the unexpired term ending July 31, 2028, as the school board representative. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Tonya King for a full four-year term on the Development Authority Board, expiring July 31, 2028. On a motion (Walls) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to appoint Phyllis Woodson to the 20/27 Corridor Regional Joint Development Authority Board to complete Rodney Kay's unexpired term, ending September 30, 2024.

#### **Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business**

##### **Decision/Adoption on text amendments to Solar Farm Ordinance**

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the most recent draft concerning Section 46-273. Solar energy facility or solar farm.

#### **Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments**

The following individuals spoke to the Board regarding various issues:

- Buddy Copeland, Hammett Circle, Hogansville, GA

#### **Item # 8 – Executive Session**

Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. On a motion, (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. On a motion, (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 8:02 p.m. During the Executive Session the Board discussed possible litigation.

**Item # 9 – Adjourn**

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

Adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 08/20/2024

