

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 19, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on November 19, 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 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls, and County Attorney Michael Hill. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks was unable to attend. District 2 Commissioner James Perry was unable to attend in person but participated via phone. County Clerk Katrina Billingsley was unable to attend due to training, Deputy Clerk Susanne Palmer was present.

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 Hearing

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

a) Text Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance

The Chairman asked Attorney Hill to go over the changes that were made to the ordinance. Attorney Hill read the changes into the record. In Chapter 46 and 40 the subdivision definition was revised. In Chapter 40 a definition for Zoning Administrator was added. Filing fees and signage fees increased. The minimum acreage for a subdivision lot is 5 acres, minimum road foot frontage changed to 235 feet, and minimum depth of 400 feet, side yard set-back increased, rear yard set-back increased. A variance procedure was created. The process for creating new street names changed, street names will be

submitted to and be approved by the 911 Director. There were no comments for or against the Text Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance. On a motion (Harris) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

b) Special Use Application from Viridi RE Development LLC

The Chairman explained that this public hearing was a continuation from the regular Commissioners Meeting held on September 17, 2024. Ellen Smith, the attorney for Viridi RE Development LLC, addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Smith answered several questions the Board had during the September 17, 2024, meeting, she went on to explain the Solar Facility Project Study/Permitting Timeline handout that was submitted to the Board along with information about the Viridi RE Group. Commissioner Perry submitted for the record, information that he had personally researched on the applicants. He made several further inquiries regarding the project and other similar projects the applicant had participated in, Ms. Smith did her best to answer. On a motion (Harris) and a second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Work Session and regular Commissioner’s meeting on October 15, 2024, were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Work Session and regular Commissioner’s meeting on October 15, 2024, as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business

a. Discussion/Decision Text Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to adopt 2024-3 to amend Chapter 40 of the Subdivision Ordinance as written. On a motion (Harris) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to adopt 2024-4 to amend Chapter 46 of the Zoning regulations regarding subdivisions as written.

b. Discussion/Decision on purchase of new Radio's & Equipment for 911

On a motion (Harris) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to accept the quote from Metropolitan Communications in the amount of \$271,101.50 for the new equipment for 911. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to accept the quote from Metropolitan Communications in the amount of \$45,836.40 for new radios and consoles for 911.

c. Discussion/Decision on CAD System for Sheriff, EMA, & 911

On a motion (Harris) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to accept the quote from I3 Verticals, LLC in the amount of \$1,063,618.50 for the new CAD System for the Sheriff, EMA, and 911. Additionally, they authorized the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the county.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business

a) Discussion/Decision on application from Viridi RE Development LLC

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to deny the application.

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Item # 8 – Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Item # 9 – Adjourn

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

Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date: 12-17-2024

