

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 17, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on December 17, 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 5 Commissioner David Walls, and County Attorney Michael Hill. District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks and District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond were 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 – Public Hearing

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

a) Discussion/Determine Special Use Permit Status - 2199 Roosterville Road

Chairman Boone explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to address a Special Use Permit granted several months ago for a wedding venue. The permit included specific conditions that prohibited the tiny homes on the property from being used for overnight lodging. The Board discovered an online advertisement listing the property as an AirBnB rental. The property owner, Luke Mersberger, was notified of the public hearing via email from the Chairman. Mr. Mersberger was not in attendance at the meeting and relinquished the permit through an email sent to the Chairman. The Chairman read the email from Mr. Mersberger into the record. There were no further comments. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

b) Application to Rezone South Bridge Road Victor Holcomb

The Chairman explained that the purpose of this public hearing was to consider the rezoning of 2 acres from Agriculture to Rural Development. The applicant, Walter Victor Holcomb, spoke to the Board, stating that he wished to rezone the property so that his son and daughter-in-law could purchase his home along with the two acres. On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), 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 November 19, 2024, were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Harris) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Work Session and regular Commissioner’s meeting on November 19, 2024, as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda

The Chairman asked for an amendment to add item "c." Discussion/Decision on Rezone Application, under New Business. On a motion (Harris) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item "c." Discussion/Decision on Rezone Application, under New Business.

Commissioner Perry asked for an amendment to add an Agenda Item before New Business, Recognition of the Chairman. On a motion (Perry) and second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add an Agenda Item before New Business, Recognition of the Chairman.

Agenda Item # 6 – Recognition of the Chairman

The Board presented Chairman Lee Boone with a plaque in recognition of his 22 years of dedicated service to Heard County. He served 10 years as District 2 Commissioner and 12 years

as Chairman, consistently demonstrating integrity, dedication, and a strong vision for the county's future.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business

a. Discussion/Decision On Special Use Permit

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to revoke the Special Use Permit in its entirety for the property located at 2199 Roosterville Road.

b. Renew contract with Chattahoochee Outdoors

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to renew the contract with Chattahoochee Outdoors and give the Chairman permission to sign the contract on behalf of the County.

c. Discussion/Decision on Rezone Application

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to approve the Rezone Application submitted by Victor Holcomb.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business

There was no Old Business

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments

- Sam Gentry
- Sheena Cunningham

Item # 10 – Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Item # 11 – Adjourn

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

Adjourned 7:17 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Bone

Chairman

Date: 01/21/2025

