

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 15, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on October 15, 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, and County Attorney Michael Hill. 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 – Public Hearings

Chairman Boone announced that public hearing for the application regarding the solar farm from Viridi RE Development LLC had been continued until the next regularly scheduled Commissioners Meeting on November 19, 2024. This delay follows a formal request from the applicant's attorney, Ellen Smith, who will be out of the country.

a) Special Use Application from Viridi RE Development LLC

Chairman Boone opened the public hearing to continue the application for Viridi RE Development LLC. On a motion (Perry) and seconded (Walls), (Harris) the Board voted 3-1 in favor of continuing the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Hammond voted against the motion.

b) Application for Daniel & Tonya Reuter

The Chairman stated that the applicant is requesting to rezone 1.41 acres of land from Rural Development to Single Family Residential in order to place a single-family home on the property.

The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the application. Chairman Boone then highlighted the rules for the public hearing and asked that all speakers address the Board directly into the microphone.

- a) Chase Hewett, a resident of Cataula, GA, addressed the Board. He explained that he had purchased the property from Daniel and Tonya Reuter. Mr. Hewett explained that he and his wife are wanting to relocate back to Heard County. They purchased the property with the intention to place a modular home on the property. He respectfully requested the Board's approval of his application. Commissioner Walls asked if the applicant intended to have well water, to which the applicant responded that he had purchased a water meter from the Heard County Water Authority to have county water. The Board asked the Building and Zoning Director, Macie Cassell, to explain the circumstances surrounding the property. Ms. Cassell explained that the parcel was originally part of a larger tract zoned Rural Development. In 2000, one acre was subdivided from the parcel, creating a nonconforming lot. She stated that this division was made in error, and approving the current application would resolve the issue and bring the property into compliance. There were no comments against the application. On a motion (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda

There were no amendments

Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 17, 2024, regular Commissioner's meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024, regular Commissioner's meeting as written.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business

a. Decision - Application from Daniel & Tonya Reuter

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

b. Adopt ADA Plan for Heard County Transit

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), unanimously voted to adopt the ADA Plan for Heard County Transit and give the Chairman permission to sign it.

c. Discussion/Decision – Text Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance

On a motion (Harris) and a second (Perry), unanimously voted to move forward with a Public Hearing on the text amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance on the next regular Commission meeting on November 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business

a. Discussion/Decision - Application from Viridi RE Development LLC

This item was tabled until next month's regular Commission meeting on November 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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 6:50 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 11-19-2024

