

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**August 20, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on August 20, 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. County Attorney Michael Hill 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 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the July 16, 2024, regular Commissioner's meeting were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion (Hammond) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 16, 2024, regular Commissioner's meeting minutes as written.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda**

The Chairman asked for an amendment to add item "e." Request from the Development Authority, under New Business. On a motion (Perry) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item "e." Request from the Development Authority, under New Business.

**Agenda Item # 5 – New Business**

**a. Adopt Authorizing Transit Resolution with US DOT & GA DOT**

The Chairman read the resolution into the record. On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Authorizing Transit Resolution

with US DOT & GA DOT agreement. Additionally, they authorized the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the county.

**b. Discuss Charging Station Request/Location from Georgia Power**

The Development Authority Director, Kathy Knowles, informed the Board that Georgia Power has proposed installing two electric vehicle charging stations at the Glover Road Park. Georgia Power would fund the entire project under a proposed 10-year lease, pending approval. The project requirements specify that the stations must be more than one mile away from U.S. Hwy 27, located on pavement, and within walking distance of amenities and restrooms. After extensive discussion and concerns about the proposed locations, Commissioner Hammond suggested an alternative site further down Glover Road. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), voted to approve the request at a location further down Glover Road, (Perry) and (Harris) opposed the motion. Chairman Boone cast the tie-breaking vote in opposition, resulting in the motion being denied.

**c. Discussion/Decision on RFP for New Fire Station**

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposal from Headley Construction Company in the amount of \$2,486,205.48 for the construction of the new fire station on Joe Stephens Road (Station #5).

**d. Declare list of items surplus**

Fire Chief Jim Short presented a list of equipment proposed for surplus to the Board for approval. On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to declare all the equipment on the list recommended by the Fire Chief as surplus to be sold.

**e. Request from the Development Authority**

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to commit SPLOST proceeds up to \$500,000 for a potential economic development project.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business**

There was no old business.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments**

The following individuals spoke to the Board regarding various issues:

- David Waters - GA Forestry Update
- Tom Bush
- Kimberly Hearn
- Sandy Jackson
- Buddy Copeland
- Kathy Knowles
- Mark Callahan

**Item # 8 – Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**Item # 9 – Adjourn**

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

Adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Date 09/17/24



Lee Boone

Chairman