

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 18, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a regular Commissioners Meeting on February 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Tracy McCormick, 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. The District 1 Commission seat is currently vacant.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag

Chairman Tracy McCormick called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Walls gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing

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

a) Application to Rezone – Jane Adams

On a motion (Perry) and second (Harris), the Board voted unanimously to enter the public hearing. Chairman McCormick called upon the applicant to present their case. It was noted that the applicant, Jane Adams, was not present at the public hearing, nor was there a representative present to speak in support of the application. Attorney Hill referenced the County ordinance, which states, "Failure of an applicant or his/her representative to be present for the hearing shall result in automatic termination of any proceeding on the amendment and a negative recommendation on the proposed amendment by the Chairperson and Commission of the County." There were no public comments made

regarding the application. On a motion (Perry) and 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 January 21, 2025, 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 January 21, 2025, as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business

a. Discuss/Decision on Application to Rezone from Jane Adams

On a motion (Perry) and a second (Harris), the Board unanimously voted to deny the application due to the applicant’s failure to appear for the public hearing.

b. Appointment One – Heard County Planning Commission

On a motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), the Board voted unanimously to postpone and readvertise all Board appointments for the Planning Commission. This motion also applied to agenda items C and D.

c. Appointment Two – Heard County Planning Commission

This item was included in the motion made for Appointment One (Agenda Item b) to postpone and readvertise all Board appointments for the Planning Commission.

d. Appointment Three – Heard County Planning Commission

This item was included in the motion made for Appointment One (Agenda Item b) to postpone and readvertise all Board appointments for the Planning Commission.

e. Adopt Resolution Authorizing PTSD Program

On a motion (Walls) and a second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to adopt the First Responder PTSD Program Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business

There was no Old Business

Agenda Item # 7 – Public Comments

- Buddy Copeland

Item # 9 – Executive Session

Chairman McCormick asked for an Executive Session to discuss litigation. On a motion, (Walls) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to enter the Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. On a motion, (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 7:35 p.m. During the Executive Session the Board discussed litigation.

Item # 10 – Adjourn

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

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Kristina Billingsley

County Clerk

Tracy McCormick

Chairman

Date: 3/18/25

