

My name is Larry Hammond, and I currently serve as the District #4 commissioner in Heard County. I am married to the former Beth Bowen who is a life long resident of Heard County. I was born and raised in the Moreland area in Coweta County, Georgia, and graduated from Newnan High School. Upon graduation I attended the University of West Georgia for two years majoring in Criminal Justice, and Business Administration. I later graduated from Brenau University in Gainesville earning a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Criminal Justice and Business Administration.

I have been a resident of Heard County since 1990 when my wife and I purchased a mini farm. I have served as a mentor in the Heard County school system and helped with a local Boy Scout troop. I conducted a violence intervention and drug prevention class through West Georgia RESA for about 15 years in the school systems of a five county area including Heard County for at risk youth. After my election to the county commission in Heard County in 2014 I obtained certification as a County Commissioner through the University of Georgia in 2015.

My career was spent in law enforcement, and I retired after thirty years in 2013. I worked for twenty six years with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles retiring as the Assistant Chief over Carroll, Coweta, and Heard Counties. I served in Olympic Law Enforcement Security during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, and I was the Assistant Team Leader for an Immediate Response arrest team during the G-8 conference at Sea Island, Georgia in 2004. I served as the President of the State Law Enforcement Officer's Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association for ten years stepping down due to my retirement in 2013. I was a P.O.S.T. (Peace Officers Standards and Training Council) Certified Instructor and a Firearms Instructor. I qualify annually to keep these certifications intact.