

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
December 14, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on December 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building to discuss SPLOST and other matters as needed. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. Chairman Boone opened the meeting by asking everyone to keep Commissioner Caldwell in their prayers. Then moved on to Laurie Cook, with the Heard County Water Authority, Ms. Cook discussed the Water Authority Board's concerns for new generators not showing up for 18 weeks. Ms. Cook also expressed their Board's unhappiness with it being taken out of their SPLOST money. Ms. Cook stated that they need a booster pump that will cost \$271,000.00 and the Water Authority Board wants the money to be taken out of ARPA funds (See handouts). Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director came to the podium and stated that his department needs new dump trucks because the repair bills are getting high. Mr. Wiggins also stated that their department needs a new tractor side cutter (see handout), the last one was purchased in 2010. Chairman Boone asked about the rock being stored at the arena, and the work was supposed to be done by October 31, 2021. Mr. Wiggins stated they were not done (could go after them for litigation) but talked to Kevin Hamby about extending the job into next year. Mr. Wiggins then told the Board about other expense increases they should expect in 2022. Caleb Pike, Heard County Arena Director, told the Board that the arena had made \$74, 292.00. He also explained that the only line item in his budget he had gone over in was fuel. Mr. Pike and the Board then discussed lighting and electrical needs and if there needed to be bids or if the jobs could be done out of repairs instead. Mr. Hamby stated from a procurement stand point, they are two separate jobs, and there needs to

be an electrical engineer for an RFP. Chairman Boone suggested to buy all the supplies that would be needed for this job to save on sales tax and mark ups from contractors. Commissioner Perry suggested Commissioner Hammond asked Southwire to donate some of the supplies as a sponsor. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, reviewed the SPLOST PowerPoint to review where the county is in the current SPLOST budget. Chairman Boone then discussed with the Board how Joseph Bledsoe, the Heard County Probate Judge would like to have a digital copy of all their books, but he does not want to send the books out.

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned.