

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on February 23, 2016, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Mr. Jerry Nixon, Heard County resident, gave the invocation.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – Regarding Text Amendments to Existing

Commercial Shooting Range Ordinance – Chairman Boone opened the public hearing. He stated that the text amendments to add to the existing commercial shooting range ordinance were presented in 2015 to the Board and sent to the Planning Commission for their review. The Planning Commission approved the text amendments in January. There being no public comments or comments from the Board, on motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Invited Guests – Sharon and Mike Armstrong, Plans & More, LLP –

To Discuss Heard County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan – Sharon and Mike Armstrong with Plans and More explained to the Board that they wrote the pre-disaster mitigation plan in 2011 for Heard County. Sharon explained that this plan must be updated each 5 years in order for Heard County to continue to receive their disaster funds through GEMA and FEMA. She stated that this plan would be ready for the Board to adopt at the March 22, 2016 meeting. She also

asked the Board for a work session on that day at 5:30 p.m. to discuss some changes that have been made to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that will affect Heard County residents. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this request for a work session to be held on March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item # 5 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from January 26, 2016.

Agenda Item # 6 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone asked for an amendment to New Business to include item “e” – Discuss Grant Opportunities and Applications – Chief Steve Wirth. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Approve Text Amendments to Commercial Shooting Range Ordinance – Commissioner Hammond suggested approving these text amendment changes but to also revisit this in a few months to include more text amendments. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the amendments presented.

b. Approve the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee – Sharon stated that pre-disaster mitigation committee includes 27 members. She explained that the county, all the cities, and the Water Authority are represented on this committee. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved to reinstitute the pre-disaster mitigation plan committee for Heard County.

c. Approve the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Contract with Plans & More, LLP – On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the contract with Plans &

More, LLP in the amount of \$27,200.00, for the preparation of the pre-disaster mitigation plan for Heard County.

d. Approve Amendments to Arena Guidelines – Chairman Boone presented the new arena guidelines with amendments to include the barn use and rental fees and the hookups for trailers/RVs. After some discussion, on motion (Denney) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved these amendments and approved two more amendments to include; Section 25 - User's should read and adhere to the rules posted at the barn; Section 26 - The use of generators after 10:00 p.m. is not allowed without approval of Management/Arena Director.

e. Discuss Grant Opportunities and Applications – Chief Steve Wirth – Chief Steve Wirth gave the Board a 2016 grant update (see attached). Mrs. Sharon Armstrong also updated the Board on a grant that is available to help the Heard County Building & Zoning department with flood plain management and to help develop a debris management plan. She stated this grant is a \$39,000.00 grant and the county's match would be 10%. Chief Wirth asked the Board for permission to accept grants that he has received already from Emergency Preparedness and to apply for the additional grants on his list and the flood plain management grant presented by Mrs. Armstrong. On motion (Adams) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 10 – Executive Session - Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate issues. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session.

On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Chairman Boone stated that in Executive Session the Board discussed litigation and real estate issues.

Commissioner Adams asked the Board to reenter into an Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition.

On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Chairman Boone stated that in Executive Session the Board discussed possible land acquisition. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to revoke the permission granted to Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) for the use of the county property located at 740 Old Field Road, Franklin and to direct Chairman Boone to take any and all actions necessary to utilize the property for a Head Start childcare program.

There being no further business, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk
Date 3/22/16

Lee Boone
Chairman