

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION**  
**January 25, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on January 25, 2022, 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. District 3 Commissioner Caldwell came in about 5:30 (during the worksession). Chairman Boone opened the meeting by asking everyone to keep Commissioner Caldwell in their prayers as his cancer was back and he was currently in treatment. Chairman Boone then reminded the audience that the SPLOST Spending plan was discussed in the last worksession. Chairman Boone then asked Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, to come to the podium to review the 2022 commitments through December of this year (see slide presentation). Chairman Boone then asked Mr. Hamby to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money and the future for it. Based on discussion with the County Auditor, Kim Kimmel, and Mr. Hamby it was suggested that the Board adopt a budget for the ARPA funds first, because the money cannot be legally spent without a budget. The Board all agreed this would be the best action and a decision would be made at the regular meeting. Laurie Cook, Director of the Heard County Water Authority, asked for the down payment for the belt press and other projects they would like the Board to help fund. Ms. Cook stated she would come back to the next meeting with prices for their SPLOST draw. Chairman Boone then asked Probate Judge Joseph Bledsoe to come to the podium with his request. Judge Bledsoe stated he would like to preserve the Probate Court documents by having a company come in and scan the documents in his vault. Judge Bledsoe stated that the current documents are being scanned in for preservation, but there are a lot of files that need to be

scanned. Judge Bledsoe explained that the books could not be sent anywhere, but the company he had been in contact with would come here and scan them all in in about three weeks. The Board ask Judge Bledsoe to get another quote and come back next month. Chairman Boone then asked Arena Director Caleb Pike to come to the podium to discuss the lighting at the arena. Mr. Pike explained to the Board that there are 108 lights in the arena area and will cost \$100.00 per light, 21 lights in the restroom and concession and will cost \$50.00 per light, and 9 lights in the announcer stand area and will cost \$100.00 per light. This pricing is for installation only. The county will be responsible for purchasing all equipment. Mr. Hamby joined Mr. Pike at the podium to explain to the Board the need to internet at the arena. Mr. Hamby stated the internet would be useful for lighting controls and other vendors are asking for internet as well. There being no further business, the work session was adjourned.