

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 2 seat is vacant at this time, due to Mrs. Keri Denney resigning January 29, 2020.

Agenda Item # 2 - Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge to the American Flag - Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

Invited guest, Ms. Pam Lyle, Chapter Regent with the James Stewart Chapter, NSDAR presented the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to Sheriff Ross Henry. Sheriff Henry was honored for his 20 plus years in Heard County as the Sheriff but also because of his outreach within the community. Sheriff Henry thanked everyone involved in him receiving this award and stated what an honor it has been and is to serve Heard County as their Sheriff for the last 20 plus years.

Agenda Item # 3 – Presentation of Service Awards – Mrs. Luisa “Lou” Wakeman, Heard County Senior Center; Mr. Alan Head, Heard County Recreation Department - Chairman Boone and the Board presented a service award plaque to Mrs. Luisa “Lou” Wakeman for 20 years of continuous service to Heard County. The Board also presented a service award plaque to Mr. Alan Head for 20 years of continuous service to Heard County. The Board thanked both Mrs. Wakeman and Mr. Head for their loyal and dedicated service to Heard County.

Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2020 and June 9, 2020 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented for the May 26, 2020 and June 9, 2020 meeting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone, asked the Board to amend New Business to add item “d – Discuss Old Jail. Commissioner Caldwell asked the Board to amend New Business to add item “e – Discuss Windy Hill Road. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved these requests to amend the agenda.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Approve 2020-2021 Budget – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond) the Board unanimously approved the 2020-2021 budget.

b. Discuss Appointment to the Heard County Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) Board - Chairman Boone stated that Mrs. Marsha Harper’s term on the Heard County Board of Family and Children Services Board will expire on June 30, 2020. She has agreed to serve again if reappointed. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously reappointed Mrs. Harper to the Heard County DFACS Board.

c. Approve Heard County No Smoking Policy – Chairman Boone asked the Board to approve a no smoking policy for any building owned by Heard County. He presented the policy and stated that the policy was reviewed and approved by County Attorney Conner. On motion (Hooks) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the policy.

d. Discuss Old Jail – Chairman Boone presented design services and the scope of work for the Heard County Historic Jail and Museum rehabilitations that are needed. He stated he recently asked Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench and Jarbeau to submit a proposal for the rehab that needs to be done on the old jail. Mr. Randy Smith with Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench and Jarbeau visited the old jail and submitted the attached proposal and scope of work. The anticipated construction cost for exterior and interior refurbishment is estimated at \$135,000.00 and the architectural fee and engineering fee is estimated at \$20,000.00 for a total of \$155,000.00. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this proposal and scope of work.

e. Discuss Windy Hill Road – Heard County residents, Mr. Barry Hill and Mrs. Jill Rivers presented pictures to the Board of the condition of Windy Hill Road. They asked the Board to consider closing a portion of Windy Hill Road due to no one traveling that portion of the road. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to proceed with the abandonment process for this portion of Windy Hill Road. County Attorney Conner stated that this must be advertised and a public hearing is required.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None.

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

Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Patty A. Giles
County Clerk

Lee Boone
Chairman

Date 7/28/2020

