

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on October 22, 2019 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 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner.

**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.

**Agenda Item # 3 – Invited Guests – Jennifer Corcione, Executive Director, Community Action for Improvement, Inc. (CAFI)** – Jennifer Corcione, Executive Director with Community Action for Improvement, Inc. (CAFI), introduced herself to the Board and presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding CAFI and the services they provide. She stated that Heard County currently has two CAFI Board member representatives; Ms. Julie Pope and Mr. Colton Caldwell. She stated there are also two positions still open for Heard County CAFI Board member representatives and she asked the Board to consider appointing someone to those two seats. She stated that CAFI recently changed their bylaws to institute term limits for their members. She thanked the Board for their time.

**Agenda Item # 4 - Approval of Minutes** - On motion (Hammond) and a second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from September 24, 2019.

**Agenda Item # 5 - Amend Agenda** – Chairman Boone asked to amend new business to add item “c” – Discuss EZ Court Pay Agreement and to add item “d” – Appointments to Heard County

Development Authority. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously voted to approve this request.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss County Ordinances and Survey Results -** Chairman Boone stated he had created a questionnaire (see attached) regarding several issues that need to be discussed regarding the Heard County Zoning Ordinances. He stated that each commissioner answered the questions and he wanted to discuss the cumulative answers. He went over each question and answer with the Board. He also explained that upon investigation of prior minutes from the Heard County Planning Commission and the Heard County Board of Commissioners, it was discovered that in 2004 the Planning Commission's recommendation was recommended to the Board of Commissioners incorrectly and the Board of Commissioners voted on 150 feet recommended road frontage instead of the recommended 100 feet of road frontage. Attorney Conner explained that the 150 feet road frontage stands because that was the official vote taken. She did recommend the Board asking the Planning Commission to review this now and bring back their current recommendation. Zoning Administrator, Stacie Morris, stated that the Planning Commission does hear between 15 to 20 variances each year on reducing the road frontage required and that would be significantly decreased if the ordinance decreased the current 150 feet requirement. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved a request for the Planning Commission to discuss this issue and bring their recommendation back to the Board.

**Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Rescheduling November, 2019 Commission**

**Meeting** – Chairman Boone stated the November 26<sup>th</sup> commission meeting will need to be rescheduled to November 19<sup>th</sup>. County Attorney Conner will be out of town the week of Thanksgiving. On motion (Hooks) and second (Denney), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**b. Approve Authorizing Resolution for Heard County Transit FY21** – Chairman Boone asked the Board to approve the continuance of the grant for the 5311 Heard County Transit program for FY21. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved the resolution and authorized Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the County.

**c. Discuss EZ Court Pay Agreement** – Chairman Boone stated that the Probate Court office is currently taking credit card payments for their fines and fees and the County would need to enter into an agreement with the EZ Court Pay system for this service. Attorney Conner stated she has reviewed the contract, and all is in order. On motion (Denney) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the contract and authorized Chairman Boone to sign on behalf of the County.

**d. Appointments to Development Authority of Heard County** – Chairman Boone stated the Development Authority of Heard County met today and would like to recommend the following reappointments to expiring board positions:

Heard County Public Facilities Authority – Reappoint Hazel Reeves to a three-year term to expire 10/31/2022; reappoint Leighton Alston to a three-year term to expire 10/31/2022. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Development Authority of Heard County – Reappoint Hazel Reeves to a four-year term to expire 12/31/2023; reappoint Leighton Alston to a four-year term to expire 12/31/2023. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Greater West Georgia Regional Joint Development Authority – Reappoint Leighton Alston to a four-year term to expire 12/31/2023. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments** – None.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Executive Session** – On motion (Denney) and second (Hammond) the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond) the Board unanimously voted to return to open session. Chairman Boone stated in Executive Session, possible litigation was discussed with no decisions made.

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

Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Patty A. Giles

County Clerk

Date 11-19-19

Lee Boone

Chairman

