

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 27, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on April 27, 2021 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 James Perry, 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.

Members of the Water Authority Board, Ms. Laurie Cook, Mr. James Ray Gosdin, and Mr. Alvin Gin presented the Heard County Board of Commissioners with a Proclamation of Appreciation.

Agenda Item # 4- Public Hearings- a. Application to rezone from Rural Development to Agricultural- Arrington Road- Mr. McKee requested 8 acres be rezoned from Rural Development to Agricultural. Having no public comments, on motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously approved to close this public hearing.

b. Application to Rezone from Rural Development to Single Family Residential- Highway 27- Ms. Macie Cassel, Zoning Administrator, explained the reason the current landowner failed to attend the Planning Commission meeting and why the Planning Commission denied the rezone. After this discussion, there were no further questions. Having no public comments, on motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to close this public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2021 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the work session and regular meeting minutes from the March 23, 2021 meetings.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Chairman Boone requested to remove the Water Authority from Item “f” and change it to RV Park Regulations. Commissioner Walls requested adding Item “g”- Discuss Arena. Commissioner Walls also requested adding Item “b” -Discuss ordinances and Item “c”- Follow-up on trash. On motion (Walls) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously approved these requests.

Commissioner Hammond made the motion to add T-SPLOST to item “e”, and a second from Commissioner Hooks, the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Discussion/Decision- Arrington Road- On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this request.

b. Discussion/Decision- Rezone- Hwy. 27- On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

c. 2021 Road Bids - Chairman Boone presented the road paving bids to the Board per Darold Wiggins (see attached). Chairman Boone stated the bids were in budget. There were four bids were received for asphalt resurfacing for multiple roads. The bids were as follows:

C.W. Matthews- \$794,323.00

Blount- \$954,996.61

ER Snell- \$898,117.40

Baldwin- \$984,117.95

On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously accepted the low bid from C.W. Matthews in the amount of \$794,323.00.

One bid was received for surface treatment of multiple roads. The bid was from Everett Dykes in the amount of \$170,764.77. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously accepted this bid.

d. Discuss Tornado Clean-up – Chairman Boone stated that he knows there is more clean-up that needs to be done in the county. The road department had to wait on a pulp wood crew to come, so in the meantime, they pushed the trees past the ditch line. Commissioner Hammond discussed a letter being drafted thanking the power companies, DOT, and Troup County for the assistance that was sent to help with clean-up after the tornado.

e. Appointment to the Board of Elections and T-SPLOST- Mr. Tonnie Adams requested reappointment of Ms. Jane Baker to the Elections Board. On motion (Hooks) and second Hammond, the Board unanimously approved this request.

Chairman Boone informed the Board that Plant Wansley is closing. Chairman Boone proposed bringing in a T-SPLOST to help offset the plant closing and stated it would help in allocating money for paving roads in the county. Commissioner Perry request that Kevin Hamby, SPLOST manager attend the next meeting for more discussion on the T-SPLOST.

f. RV Park Regulations- Chairman Boone discussed the attached email that was sent to the Zoning Administrator. The email discussed 9.71 acres on Gum Creek Airport Road that has been before the Planning Commission for a RV park with 80 spaces. County Attorney Conner explained this would require a text amendment. Commissioner Perry stated that long term guest would allow the guest to benefit from county amenities but would prevent them from paying property taxes.

g. Discuss Arena- Commissioner Walls wants to look at rates that are being charged at the arena. Commissioner Hammond wants to organize a committee to advise the Board of Commissioners on

decisions made at the arena. Commissioners want a work session before the next Commissioners meeting.

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business- a. Discuss County Auction- Chairman Boone discussed with the Board that he met with Mr. Green and discussed items to be sold at the auction. Chairman Boone also stated that Mr. Green will come back with a contract proposal. Commissioner Caldwell asked Chairman Boone when Mr. Green was expected to hold the auction, and Chairman Boone stated July 31.

b. Discuss County Ordinances- Commissioner Walls discussed with the Board that he did not want this discussion to go unfinished. Chairman Boone stated that he had spoken with Mrs. Sharon Armstrong and she was willing to come back to discuss with the planning commission her unbiased, professional knowledge of county ordinances. Mrs. Armstrong will be at the Planning Commission meeting the first Monday in June which is June 7, 2021.

c. Trash Situation- Commissioner Hammond discussed how he talked to everyone involved in starting the community service trash pickup program and all the county needs is someone to run the program. County Attorney Conner stated that she would have to see what the qualifications to hire someone to run it would be. Chairman Boone stated that the Sheriff may have some inmates that can be used for labor in the next month or two. Commissioner Perry stated that the county may be able to get some inmates from Carrollton.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments – Sammy Agan 2918 Pea Ridge Road- Asked the Board to address his neighbor that has junk cars all in his yard. He also wants the Board to address the lack of internet service in the county.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – None

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

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Hope Cole

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 4/28/2021

