

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 16, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 16, 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.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – Application to Rezone – Highway 100-

Chairman Boone explained to the public the order of events and reviewed the rules of the Public Hearing. Chairman Boone and Commissioner Hooks explained how this rezone ended up before the Board. Mr. Greg Thompson came to the podium and explained that the mechanic that rents the shop makes sure the property stays cleaned up. After much discussion between the Board and the property owners, on motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – Approval of work session minutes and regular meeting minutes from October 26, 2021. On motion (Hooks) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to approve all the minutes as written.

Agenda Item # 5 – New Business – a. Discussion/Decision – Rezone – Highway 100 –

Commissioner Hooks asked Macie Cassel, Zoning Administrator, to come to the front to discuss what the steps were if the rezone was denied. Ms. Cassel stated that they would not be able to operate as a business. County Attorney Conner stated they would have to go before the planning

commission for a variance if the Board wanted to approve them, because they could not meet the setbacks. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to deny the rezone based on the planning commission's recommendation.

b. Request from Water Authority – Chairman Boone stated he met with the water authority because they wanted to discuss purchasing portable generators for the pump stations (See attached). On motion (Caldwell) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously approved the overall project cost of \$255,689.33 to be taken from the water authority portion of SPLOST.

c. Discussion/Decision – Electronic Sign for Arena – Larry Hammond – Commissioner Hammond would like to have an electronic sign like what is at Heard County Schools placed at the arena for advertising. Commissioner Perry mentioned that the arena could potentially be used as an emergency disaster center and the sign could be used to direct people in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Hammond stated that the sign would come from Sign Worx in Carrollton, that they are made in the USA, and have a 5-year warranty on everything (Parts and service). On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved \$31,641.00 to be taken from SPLOST for the sign.

d. DBHDD Appointment – The Board decided to table a decision on this until the next meeting December 14, 2021.

Agenda Item # 8 – Old Business – None

Agenda Item # 9 – Public Comment – None

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Chairman Boone stated he did have an executive session to discuss personnel. On motion (Hammond) and second (Perry), the Board unanimously voted to enter executive session. On motion (Hammond) and second (Walls), the Board unanimously voted to leave executive session.

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

Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Hope Cole

County Clerk

Lee Boone

Chairman

Date 12/16/2021

