

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 17, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 17, 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 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– The public hearings were postponed until the December 15, 2020 meeting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2020 – On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented for the October 27, 2020 meeting.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – None, due to postponing the public hearings

Agenda Item # 6 – Old Business – a. Discuss- Abandoned Property- Commissioner Perry- Chairman Boone gave an update on the abandonment of old properties that was discussed in the meeting October 27, 2020 meeting, and stated that Ms. Jerry Ann Conner, County Attorney would give the legal advice to the Board. Ms. Conner stated that the County Codes allowed the Board to take the owners of abandoned properties to court, and she believed this was the county’s best option. The other option would be have the property owners come before the Board for a decision. The property owner would be able to file a protest in Superior Court. The county could place a lien on the property

that had been abandoned. Commissioner Perry asked Ms. Conner, why the county could not ask the owner to sign an agreement to let the county come on the property. Ms. Conner stated that the county cannot go onto someone's property without finding to show it is a public nuisance. Chairman Boone stated if the property owner gets cited and cited again, it might force them to clean up or sell their property to someone else that will clean the property up. Chairman Boone said he agreed with the County Attorney that these properties need to go through the court system. Ms. Conner also spoke with the Board on subdivision regulations that do not have to come before the Board. Ms. Conner also stated that the Planning Commission thinks the Board should go back and look at changing AG acre sizes.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comments – None.

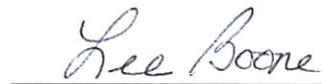
Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Yes, on motion (Walls) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously agreed to enter an Executive Session.

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

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 12/15/2020