

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
January 21, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on January 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Tracy McCormick, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, and District 5 Commissioner David Walls. District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond was unable to attend. The District 1 Commission seat is currently vacant.

Chairman McCormick stated that this work session was called to discuss House Bill 581 and other matters.

The Board discussed HB 581, a Georgia law passed in 2024 that focuses on the reform of property taxes and sales taxes. The Commissioners reviewed the key provisions of the bill and considered its impact on the local community and the county's fiscal policies.

The Board also discussed the possibility of meeting with a grant writer to explore various grant opportunities for the County and the Water Authority. The potential for securing funding through grants was considered as an important step in supporting ongoing and future projects.

Additionally, the Board discussed the possibility of implementing a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) to fund transportation infrastructure projects within the County. The Commissioners considered the potential benefits and challenges of such an initiative.

The Board discussed the possible need for a future work session to analyze and address zoning concerns. The Commissioners agreed that a more in-depth discussion may be necessary to determine any required updates or changes.

Lastly, the Board discussed the addition of a floating holiday to the County's holiday schedule as an added benefit for employees. The floating holiday will be set each year by the administrative staff in the Commissioners' office and will change annually.

The work session ended with no official action being taken.

End time 6:02 p.m.

Katrina Billingsley

County Clerk

Date 02/18/25

Tracy McInt

Chairman

