

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. 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 Joe Adams and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from August 22, 2017.

Agenda Item # 4 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 5 – Old Business – a. Discuss Appointment To Region 6 Advisory Council (Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities – DBHDD Region 6) – At the August 22, 2017 meeting, Chairman Boone stated that he received a letter from DBHDD advising that Heard County needed to appoint someone to the Regions 6 Regional Advisory Council. At that time, Commissioner Hooks asked the Board to please consider postponing any recommendations until the next commissioners meeting. All agreed. Since the last meeting, Chairman Boone stated he did speak with someone about serving on this advisory council and recommended Mrs. Jan Rayfield, a resident of Heard County and a retired special education teacher, to serve on this board. There being no further recommendations, on motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Approve Resolution for Oglethorpe Power – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner, stated that Oglethorpe Power is issuing bonds to refinance its current

bonds and also to pay for cleaning up their ash ponds. In order to issue tax free bonds, Heard County must approve the issuance of these bonds. She explained that this is of no cost to the County. She presented a resolution for the Board to approve and give permission for Chairman Boone to sign. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

b. Discuss Contract Expiration on Rock Quarry – Chairman Boone stated that the current contract between Heard County and Vulcan will expire in October, 2017. He stated he has been contacted by someone interested in leasing the quarry. He explained that the first step, before leasing the quarry, would be to get a geological survey done to determine the value of the mineral rights at the quarry. He stated after that is done the County would need to decide to sale the quarry or lease it. After some discussion, the Board agreed to proceed with a geological survey and for Chairman Boone to report back to the Board with their options at that time.

c. Approve Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 - On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board voted unanimously to set the fiscal year 2017-2018 County millage rate at 6.94 mills. The Heard County Board of Education (BOE) also presented a resolution for the Board to approve the BOE millage rate of 15.643 mills that was adopted at a BOE meeting prior to the Commissioners meeting.

Agenda Item # 8 - Public Comments – Mr. Phillip George, Heard County resident, asked the Board to consider opening the quarry back up as a County run quarry.

Mr. Richard Brown, 221 South River Circle, Hogansville (Heard County), asked the Board to consider taking two private roads, North and South River Circle, into the County road system.

Commissioner Hooks explained to Mr. Brown that he and the County Attorney have been actively researching who actually owns the road for North and South River Circle so that person could start receiving a tax bill for the property (roads) that they actually own. Commissioner

Hooks explained that he would be contacting the residents of North and South River Circle at a later date to discuss how these private roads could possibly be taken in as County roads if the Board so desired to do so.

Agenda Item # 9 - Executive Session – None.

There being no further business, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Denney), the board voted unanimously to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date _____