

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on November 28, 2017 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 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney was absent due to sickness. Chairman Boone called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone present.

Agenda Item # 3 – Public Hearing – Request for Special Use Application for a Telecommunication Tower; Requested by Providence Consulting; Property Owned by Ronald & Karen Rush, 301 Kirk Road, Franklin, GA - Chairman Boone opened the public hearing for a special use application submitted by Providence Consulting for a telecommunication tower to be located on property owned by Ronald & Karen Rush at 301 Kirk Road, Franklin, GA. County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated that the application was submitted and reviewed by the Planning Commission and at that time the Planning Commission needed more documentation and this information was received today and all the documentation is in order. Commissioner Hooks asked Leslie Carroll with Providence Consulting if this tower was going to be used. Ms. Carroll stated yes, in 2018 AT&T has plans to use this tower and possibly other carriers will co-locate on this tower. Commissioner Adams asked Ms. Carroll why does the tower need to be taller? Ms. Carroll explained that because of the area, the tower would need to be taller than normal. She stated it was originally proposed as a 300 foot tower but they later decided that 210 feet would be sufficient. There being no further public comments and no comments from the Board, Chairman Boone closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item # 4 – Approval of Minutes - On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously voted to approve the work session minutes from October 24, 2017. On motion (Hammond) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 24, 2017.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – None.

Agenda Item # 6 – New Business – a. Discuss SPLOST V Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Approve IGA Resolution – Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager – Chairman Boone stated that in the work session previously held at 5:30 p.m., the Board discussed SPLOST V and the IGAs with each municipality. Chairman Boone stated that each municipality unanimously approved the IGA with the County. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved the IGA with each municipality and for Chairman Boone to sign the IGA and the IGA resolution on behalf of the Board.

b. Approve SPLOST V Resolution Calling for the Imposition of SPLOST V – Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager – Chairman Boone explained that in order for the SPLOST V referendum to be placed on the ballot, the Board would need to adopt this resolution. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this resolution.

c. Decision on Request for Special Use Application – Ronald & Karen Rush, 301 Kirk Road, Franklin, GA – On motion (Adams) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Discuss Qualifying Fees for 2018 Election – Chairman Boone stated that the Board needs to set the qualifying fees for the upcoming 2018 election.

The qualifying fees are as follows:

District County Commissioner – District 2	\$ 120.00
District County Commissioner – District 4	\$ 120.00
District County Commissioner – District 5	\$ 120.00
Board Of Education Member – District 1	\$ 72.00
Board Of Education Member – District 3	\$ 72.00
Board Of Education Member – District 5	\$ 72.00

On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved this resolution.

e. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Board of Health – Chairman Boone stated that Mrs. Mamie Pascal’s term on the Heard County Board of Health will expire in December and she does not wish to be reappointed to this board. Chairman Boone stated he would like to recommend Chief Steve Wirth be appointed to this position. On motion (Adams) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

f. Discuss Appointment to Heard County Planning Commission – Chairman Boone stated that the Heard County Planning Commission has recommended to the Board to add another member so it will be easier to get a quorum for their meetings. County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated that she would check into this and get back to the Board.

g. Approve Georgia Firefighters Cancer Benefit Required by HB146 - Chief Steve Wirth stated that HB146 was recently approved by the House stating that each eligible firefighter would be provided with a cancer benefit provided by their entity at no cost to them. He stated he did budget for this during the budgeting process. He stated based on his current roster, ACCG quoted \$9,033.00 a year, with a 3 year guarantee for all full-time, part-time and volunteer

firefighters. On motion (Hooks) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously approved purchasing this coverage through ACCG.

h. Approve Resolution Appointing a County Legislative Coordinator – Chairman Boone stated that in 2010 ACCG established the County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) network to help improve communications between and among counties and legislators while the General Assembly is in session. Heard County’s current CLC is Chairman Boone. ACCG has asked each County to adopt a resolution stating who their CLC is. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously agreed to reappoint Chairman Boone to this position and to sign the resolution stating so.

i. Discuss Changing December, 2017 Commissioners Meeting - Chairman Boone asked the Board to approve changing the December meeting to Thursday, December 19, 2017 due to the Christmas holiday. On motion (Hooks) and second (Adams), the Board unanimously approved changing the December meeting to Thursday, December 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item # 7 – Old Business – None.

Agenda Item # 8 – Public Comments – None.

Agenda Item #9 – Executive Session – Chairman Boone asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and real estate. On motion (Adams) and second (Hammond), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion (Hammond) and second (Hooks), the Board unanimously voted to return to Open Session. Chairman Boone stated that in Executive Session possible litigation and real estate was discussed with no decisions made.

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

Adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date _____