



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday September 26, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 09/12/2023 Regular Meeting
 - 09/12/2023 Called Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) FY 24 General Fund Budget Public Hearing
 - b) FY 24 General Fund Budget Adoption
 - c) Tax year 23 LOST Rollback Resolution
 - d) Tax year 23 Rollback Millage Rate Adoption
 - e) Recreation / School System Facility Use Agreement
 - f) Chapter 46 – Land Development Standards (amended) 1st Reading
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) John Webb request for variance to minimum 100' road frontage requirement
 - b) Closure of Section of Ridge Road for Sewer Installation
 - c) Budget year 2023 Auditor Engagement Authorization
 - d) Credit for Experience Road Department
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION –
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offer by Commissioner Dorsey.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Sayer welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 09/12/2023 Regular Meeting
- 09/12/2023 Called Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve September 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve September 12, 2023 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

None

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

None

10. Chairman's Report

None

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett thanked Hart County citizens.

Commissioner Teasley commended county employees.

Commissioner Brown offered condolences to the family of Larry Hale.

Commissioner Dorsey offered condolences to the family of Larry Hale; announced due to the bridge replacement widening and resurfacing Bio Church Road will be scheduled after the bridge project is complete; and referred to State law concerning City of Hartwell's proposed annexation which cannot be done legally.

12. Old Business

a) FY 24 General Fund Budget Public Hearing

Commissioner Brown opened the floor for FY24 General Fund Budget Hearing. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Question was asked concerning funding for additional detour signage.

Commissioner Dorsey doesn't feel the county is getting Archway services for the funding they are receiving.

Commissioner Brown moved to request a quarterly report from Archway. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) FY 24 General Fund Budget Adoption

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt FY24 General Fund Budget as presented. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Tax Year 23 LOST Rollback Resolution

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt Tax Year 23 LOST Rollback Resolution. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Tax Year 23 Rollback Millage Rate Adoption

Commissioner Teasley moved to adopt Tax Year 23 Rollback Millage Rate Adoption. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Recreation/School System Facility Use Agreement

Commissioner Bennett moved to authorize Attorney Higginbotham to discuss some areas of concern with the BOE Attorney. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Chapter 46 – Land Development Standards (amended) 1st Reading

Commissioner Bennett moved to adopt the 1st reading Chapter 46 Land Development Standards to include level six subdivision. Motion died from lack of a second.

Commissioner Bennett moved to adopt the 1st reading Chapter 46 Land Development Standards. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

a) John Webb request for variance to minimum 100' road frontage requirement

Mr. Webb explained he needs access to his property due to insufficient road frontage.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve a variance due to lack of road frontage. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Commissioner Brown withdrew his motion and moved to approve the request contingent upon Mr. Webb exhausting his options (acquire approval from adjoining property owner). Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Closure of Section of Ridge Road for Sewer Installation

Commissioner Bennett moved to close two sections of Ridge Road during the sewer installation project. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Budget year 2023 Auditor Engagement Authorization

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize Chairman Sayer and Administrator Partain to sign the auditor's engagement letter for budget year 2023. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Credit for Experience Road Department

Commissioner Bennett moved to grant eight years of credit for experience to new hire Josh Cash. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Chairman Sayer explained Board of Elections/Registration is appointed and the BOC has no participation in how elections are conducted.

Sue Ackerman commented the county and state can be better served by using other election devices; the current system is not designed for accuracy.

Timothy Roberts, Chairman of the Republican Party, stated there are issues with the current voting system; deemed subject to hackers; Georgia system is not accurate and; requested paper ballots.

Brandon Hough called for the county to immediately use hand counted ballots.

Guy Hagan stated multiple law suits have been filed; ballots are not verifiable; QR code is unlawful; doesn't meet the requirements of the law; and called for emergency paper ballots.

Attorney Higginbotham noted Athens/Clarke County was fined for using paper ballots.

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk