

Hart County Board of Commissioners

December 10, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Joey Dorsey presided with Commissioners Frankie Teasley, Marshall Sayer and Ricky Carter in attendance. Commissioner R C Oglesby absent.

1. Prayer

Chairman Dorsey opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Chairman Dorsey called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Dorsey welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda to include item 13 f) Request from American Legion/Wreaths Across America; 15 Executive Session – Litigation. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 11/12/19 Minutes
- 11/27/19 Called Minutes
- 12/05/19 Called Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the minutes of November 27, 2019 called meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019 called meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

- 9U Youth Football team and Cheerleading squad, NGYFA Super Bowl Champs
- Lavonia Mayor Ralph Owens
- Anna Strickland, Archway

UGA College of Engineering students presenting their mid-point concepts for the Hart County Jail Site Feasibility Study

Board of Commissioners recognized 9U Youth Football team, Cheerleading squad and Coaches for their achieving NGYFA Super Bowl Champs for 2019.

Board of Commissioners recognized and presented Lavonia Mayor Ralph Owens for his assistance during his tenure with Gateway Industrial Park.

Anna Strickland representing Archway introduced UGA College of Engineering students turning the floor over to them.

The engineering students presented their mid-point concepts for the Hart County Jail Site Feasibility Study; pro and cons for each site; and rough cost estimate of \$11.3 million.

Chairman Dorsey reported the BOC is anticipating a budget of \$8 to \$9 million.

Commissioner Sayer inquired about a pod design facility as discussed with the Sheriff; Commissioner Carter inquired about kitchen and room to expand in the future; Commissioner Teasley stated the site near Whitworth would have access to water and sewer.

Anna Strickland thanked everyone in Hart County and announced that she has accepted an opportunity to work as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Madison County.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads
None

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain announced the playground equipment for Phase II has been delivered and commended Anna Strickland for her accomplishments during her role with Archway.

10. Chairman's Report
November Financial Report

Chairman Dorsey presented a summary of the November General Fund Financial Report, announced property taxes are due December 20, 2019; thanked Anna Strickland and; scheduling a meeting in January or February to discuss long range space needs.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioners Teasley, Sayer and Carter wished everyone a Merry Christmas; commended Anna Strickland for her accomplishments; and everyone that were involved with the Christmas Tree Lighting Event and Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Carter stated he wants to invite Brooks Mewborn to a meeting to highlight what Hart County College and Careers Academy is accomplishing; and inquired about a link from the county's website for Secure Vote.

12. Old Business

a) Recreation Advisory Board (4) Appointments (terms expire 12/31/2021)

Commissioner Sayer moved to appoint Kay Ankerich, re-appoint Bob Frye, Jeff Meitz and Lonnie Robinson to serve on the Recreation Advisory Board as per the RAB recommendations. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Board of Tax Assessors (2) Appointments (terms expire 12/31/2022)

Chairman Dorsey moved to re-appoint David Setchel to serve on the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Chestatee-Chattahoochee RDC (2) Board Appointments (term expires 12/31/2020)

Chairman Dorsey moved to re-appoint William (Bill) Chafin to serve on the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RDC Board. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) AVITA Board Appointment (term expires 6/30/2021)

Commissioner Carter moved to appoint Alice Worthan to serve an unexpired term on the AVITA Board. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) Jail Food Bid Award

Commissioner Carter moved to table the bid award. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

f) Cancellation of 2nd BOC December Meeting (12/24/19)

Commissioner Sayer moved to cancel the 2nd BOC December meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

13. New Business

a) Beer and Wine License Renewal 2020 Class B (Restaurant, On Premises)

Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill, Hartwell Golf Club, Boathouse Grill, Mi Tierra Mexican Restaurant

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve Beer & Wine License renewals for Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill, Hartwell Golf Club, Boathouse Grill & Mi Terra Mexican Restaurant. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Beer and Wine License Renewal 2020 Class B (Package, Off Premise)

Royal Food #4, Royal Food #8742, 29 Royal Food Store, Vanna Country Store, Mini Mart (Dewy Rose), Nazmeen LLC, AB Grocery Store dba Airline Store

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve Beer & Wine License renewals for Royal Food #4, Royal Food #8742, Vanna Country Store, Mini Mart, Nazmeen LLC and AB Grocery Store. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Approval of AFB Application and Matching Funds for EMS Stretcher System

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve move forward for AFB Application and Matching Funds Grant for EMS Stretcher System. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) Request for GDOT Traffic Studies for the Intersections of Cokesbury Hwy and Nancy Hart School Road and Elberton Hwy and Nancy Hart School Road

Commissioner Teasley moved to request GDOT perform Traffic Studies for intersections of Cokesbury Hwy and Nancy Hart School Road, Elberton Hwy and Nancy Hart School Road. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) RLF Loan/RITZ

Commissioner Carter moved to approve \$330,000 RLF loan to RITZ. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

f) American Legion-Wreaths Across America – Courthouse Lawn

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the request to place wreaths on the courthouse lawn as part of the Wreaths Across America to honor veterans and those serving our country. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Public Comment

Bowersville resident George Nolan requested payment of \$5,700 from SPLOST funds for installation of speed bumps on E Main Street in order to close out year end.

Commissioner Carter stated as per the Intergovernmental Agreement invoice was approved by Bowersville Council and the BOC has no authority to say yay or nay to their request for reimbursement.

Chairman Dorsey responded the request should come from the Town of Bowersville and he doesn't consider the funds were used for capital outlay; and the expenditure does not conform to the language on the ballot.

Chairman Dorsey moved to not reimburse the Town of Bowersville from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion.

Commissioner Carter stated this board has not policing authority to say yay or nay to their request.

Commissioner Sayer responded the request does not qualify as a capital improvement project.

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported he reviews and verifies all request for SPLOST reimbursement from various municipalities prior to submitting requests for payment.

Chairman Dorsey stated according to Bowersville Charter the Mayor shall provide capital outlay expenditures to the council at the beginning of each year for approval, which was not done for 2019. The

traffic study that was performed in 2017 did not justify speed bumps on E. Main Street which is in the emergency services corridor. However, another study was performed and speed bumps were installed.

Commissioner Carter responded there's nowhere in the agreement indicates the BOC has authority for ensuring Bowersville is in compliance or liability for non-compliance.

County Attorney Gordon responded the issue is whether the expenditure is an allowable capital improvement authorized by law; of which there's a division of opinion among the BOC.

Bowersville council member Kelly Cagle commented that she could not find a traffic study that was performed when Mayor Bailey was in office. A traffic study was performed after she got involved and the reason for speed bumps was to slow people down and get some of the truck traffic off their roads; concluding their roads are in bad condition due to the truck traffic.

Chairman Dorsey called to vote on the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Executive Session – Litigation

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Upon exiting Executive Session, Commissioner Sayer moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Teasley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Joey Dorsey, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk