

Hart County Board of Commissioners
May 26, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Hartwell Council Meeting Room.

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

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Chairman Dorsey.

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 Carter moved to amend and approve the meeting agenda to include litigation in Executive Session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 05/12/2020 Reg Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-0 (Commissioner Carter abstained due to his absence).

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

None

8. Remarks By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported Early Voting has been temporarily located at the Ag Center on Bowman Highway to accommodate for social distancing; and encouraged everyone to take advantage of early voting.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dorsey reported FY'21 budget meeting will be scheduled starting in July; there is concern to what digest will be used to determine the millage rate.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Teasley thanked past and present individuals serving in the military; county public safety individuals and county employees for their service.

Commissioner Sayer expressed appreciation to anyone serving in the military and protecting freedom we have.

Commissioner Carter reported receiving complaints concerning Milltown Campground; and thanked those serving in the military past and present.

12. Old Business

a) Timber Permits Ordinance Amendment (Second Reading)

Commissioner Carter suggested including pre and post road inspection; define public road; keeping roadway clean during the timber cutting process; egress and ingress and enforcement clause.

County Attorney Walter Gordon suggested the BOC consider the amendment as the first reading due to substantial changes.

Commissioner Sayer moved to accept the Timber Permits Ordinance Amendment as the first reading. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Intergovernmental Agreement City of Hartwell (Hart State Park Annexation)

Chairman Dorsey reported he and other BOC members have received concern from property owners surrounding the State Park about possibly being annexed into the City of Hartwell; 60% of property owners could control the remaining 40% that oppose annexation. In the spirit of transparency, the City of Hartwell has never used the 60-40 rule; however, future council members could invoke the rule.

Chairman Dorsey moved the BOC authorize him to communicate with the Corp of Engineers the county has no objection to the City annexation of Hart State Park property contingent upon approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City; and changing the agreement from 50 years to 25 years. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

13. New Business

a) The Georgia at Lake Hartwell Subdivision Application for Approval

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the Georgia at Lake Hartwell Subdivision application. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Request for Pay for Experience Road Dept

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve ten years' credit for experience for John Morris. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) FY20-21 Public Defender Budget Request

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve FY20-21 Public Defender’s Budget Request. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) County ROW Utility Construction Pre and Post Inspections by Road Department

Chairman Dorsey moved for County Administrator Partain to develop a pre and post inspections by the Road Department for right of way utility construction. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session – Personnel/litigation

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

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 Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Joey Dorsey, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk