

Hart County Board of Commissioners
August 27, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

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 Oglesby moved to amend and approve the meeting agenda to include item 15) Executive Session/litigation, real estate matters. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 8/13/19 Regular Meeting
- 8/13/19 Budget Meeting

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019 regular meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019 budget meeting. 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

County Attorney Walter Gordon reported on line travel agencies, such as Airbnb, are collecting hotel/motel taxes from customers. Airbnb is not remitting the funds to municipalities in Georgia. There are approximately 60 to 70 homeowners in Hart County that employ Airbnb and other travel agencies to rent out their homes. Airbnb is paying the taxes in South Carolina, but declined to explain why they're not remitting the taxes to Georgia.

Attorney Gordon asked the BOC to consider entering into a class action lawsuit using the same legal counsel that was used for a similar case previously. The lawsuit will be filed against Airbnb and other similar companies for failure to remit local hotel/motel taxes.

Commissioner Sayer moved to adopt a resolution to enter into a class action lawsuit against Airbnb and authorize Chairman Dorsey to enter into a representative agreement. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

9. County Administrator's Report

None

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dorsey and the BOC presented Iotria Lewis with a plaque on behalf of his retirement with the Road Department for thirteen years of service.

11. Commissioners' Reports

None

12. Old Business

a) Amend Transit Substance Abuse Policy (Add new SAP (Substance Abuse Professional))

Commissioner Oglesby moved to amend the Transit Substance Abuse Policy to add a new SAP. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

a) Water and Sewer Authority FY 2020 CDBG Application Grant Writing/Administration Selection

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve Allen/Smith Consultants to administer the CDBG grant. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Water and Sewer Authority FY 2020 CDBG Application Engineering Selection

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve EMI for engineering services. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session – Real Estate/Litigation

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the regular session. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

16. Adjournment

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

Joey Dorsey, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk