Hart County Board of Commissioners

Called Meeting

May 9, 2017

Following Regular Meeting

1. Hart County Jail Discussion
2. Other Items as Time Allows

The Hart County Board of Commissioners met following the regular meeting on May 9, 2017 at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

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

Chairman Joey Dorsey started the discussion about the current overcrowding situation we are experiencing now at the jail. Sheriff Cleveland explained the situation concerning the overcrowding and associated costs to his department as well as the county.

Chairman Dorsey went over the inmate numbers and percentages that were pre-trail, sentenced, and probation prisoners. The discussions covered the numbers, length of stay and other factors contributing to the overcrowding.

County Attorney Gordon explained that just having another judge to hear cases of housed inmates was just part of the process. It would also have supportive extra persons such as Assistant DA, defense Attorneys, bailiffs, etc. to hold extra trials.

Discussions continued to possible solutions that could ease the problem as well as possible cost and financing options for construction of a jail.

Commissioner Sayer made a motion to authorize the County Attorney and the County Administrator to start the process to secure additional trial resources to reduce the probation jail population. A second was provided by Commissioner Oglesby. Motion carried 5-0

With no other business at hand Commissioner Oglesby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was provided by Commissioner Teasley. Motion carried 5-0

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Joey Dorsey, Chairman Terrell Partain, Administrator