



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Joint Meeting with City of Hartwell
Thursday March 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Hart County Agriscience Center

Hart County Board of Commissioners and Hartwell City Council met Thursday March 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Hart County Agriscience Center.

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

Mayor Brandon Johnson, City Council Members Zach Adams, Kay Ankerich, Seth Baughman, Randy Clark, Mike McNabb and Richard Sheller were in attendance.

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Councilman Richard Sheller offered prayer.

Chairman Sayer stated that the need for a TSPLOST came when the funds for SPLOST VI were allocated to pay for a new jail and not road paving as SPLOST have been in the past.

Mayor Brandon Johnson said the City plans to use TSPLOST to address traffic flow and congestion. The City has proposed rerouting traffic from Highway 29 along a route connecting Howell and Powell Road, at an estimated cost of \$14.5 million.

Commissioner Dorsey expressed concern that the project might not fully address the traffic issues. He suggested considering several smaller projects instead.

County Administrator Terrell Partain reminded everyone that TSPLOST funds would also be shared with the cities of Royston and Canon and the Town of Bowersville. He added that Public Works Director Jason Spencer is preparing a road study expected to be completed by mid-May. Once the study is finished, the County will be able to estimate the cost of paving and maintaining county roads with TSPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dorsey requested to see the data the City has collected so far.

Mayor Brandon Johnson suggested that he and the City Council take the discussion under advisement and meet again at a later date.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk