



Hart County Board of Commissioners

Tuesday July 28, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 07/14/2026 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
Mr. Charles Cawthorn, Interim Director, Hart County Water and Sewer Authority
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Public Work Director, Jason Spencer Report
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
May- June Financial Report
Comprehensive Plan Update
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Job Descriptions EMS Shift Supervisor and Assistant Shift Supervisor
 - b) Approval of EMS Transport Area Policy
 - c) Liberty Hill Road Speed Study
 - d) TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement
 - e) TSPLOST Resolution (tentative)
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Purchase Bushhog Tractor to Replace Burnt Tractor
 - b) Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 28, 2026
6:00 PM

Hart County Board of Commissioners met July 28, 2026, at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown, and Joey Dorsey present at the meeting.

1. PRAYER

Commissioner Jeff Brown offered prayer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

4. WELCOME

Chairman Sayer welcomed all those in attendance via in person, HTC Channel 3, and Board of Commissioners YouTube site.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
7/14/2026 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 7/14/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Mr. Charles Cawthon, Interim Director, Hart County Water and Sewer Authority

Interim Director Charles Cawthon provided an update on the recent water outage. He explained that a water main break and a second undetected leak prolonged restoration efforts, and he thanked staff and partner agencies for their assistance.

Mr. Cawthon reported that the Water & Sewer Authority is conducting an after-action review to improve emergency procedures, communications, leak detection, and system resilience. He also announced that the FY2025 financial audit has been completed, with most findings already addressed.

Commissioners discussed emergency SOPs, infrastructure improvements, and the importance of evaluating system needs before future expansion.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director, Jason Spencer Report

Public Works Director Jason Spencer reported that repairs to Goldmine Holly Springs Road have been completed and will continue to be monitored for additional subgrade issues. He also provided an update on the Liberty Hill Road speed study.

Mr. Spencer noted that an engineering review is underway to support a proposed four-way stop at the Liberty Hill Road/Liberty Hill Church Road intersection based on traffic and crash data. He also reported that bids for the county's road striping project will be presented in August.

Commissioners discussed updating the county's speed limit ordinance, evaluating additional intersections, and implementing the new asphalt patching truck, including operator training and a job description for the specialized position.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

May-June Financial Report

Comprehensive Plan Update

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented the May and June financial reports. He noted that, while monthly deficits occurred due to quarterly expenditures, the county remains within budget overall, with revenues exceeding projections and expenses below budget.

Mr. Partain also provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Public meetings are underway, and he encouraged continued community participation, with an additional meeting being scheduled for August 26.

Commissioners discussed public engagement and reviewing outstanding items from the previous Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Partain also informed the Board of Georgia's new AED registration law, effective July 1, and encouraged residents to enroll in the CodeRED emergency notification system.

Commissioners briefly discussed fire hydrant testing and ongoing coordination with the Water & Sewer Authority regarding hydrant maintenance.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer acknowledged and accepted responsibility for inadvertently signing a subdivision plat that differed from the version previously approved by the Board. He apologized for the oversight, stated that it was his mistake, and emphasized his commitment to transparency and accountability.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett expressed condolences to the families and friends of those recently lost in the community and thanked county employees and others who continue to serve and keep county operations running smoothly.

Commissioner Teasley congratulated the Senior League softball team on finishing as runners-up in Tennessee and expressed appreciation for the county's public safety personnel and all county employees for their continued service and dedication.

Commissioner Brown echoed Teasley's congratulations and expressed condolences to the family and friends of Olivia Daniels. He also initiated a discussion regarding county maintenance activities within the City of Bowersville.

Commissioners discussed current maintenance practices, available resources, the potential impact on services to other municipalities, and equipment needs, including the possible replacement of a sidearm mower.

Commissioner Dorsey extended congratulations to the Senior League softball team. He also reminded the Board that Veterans Day will be observed as a county holiday beginning this year and emphasized the importance of notifying county employees.

He advised the Board that the City of Hartwell had expressed interest in purchasing certain surplus road equipment. Commissioners briefly discussed the sale of surplus equipment between government entities and the availability of replacement parts for county paving equipment.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Job Descriptions EMS Shift Supervisor and Assistant Shift Supervisor

EMS Director Mike Adams presented a request for approval of the EMS Shift Supervisor job description. Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the job description. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Adams then presented the EMS Assistant Shift Supervisor job description. The job description was amended to include employee evaluations as a duty. Chairman Sayer made a motion to approve the amended job description, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

b) Approval of EMS transport policy

EMS Director Mike Adams requested approval of a 50-mile transport radius for EMS calls, with an exception to certain specialty calls. Commissioner Dorsey made a motion to approve the transport radius, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Following approval of the EMS transport radius, Commissioner Dorsey asked about staffing needs, vacancies, applicant interest, turnover, and opportunities for the Board to support the department.

EMS Director Mike Adams provided an update on recent equipment purchases, improved employee morale, and the importance of continued departmental support and appropriate operational oversight.

c) Liberty Hill Road Speed Study

The Board considered the recommended 45 mph speed limit for Liberty Hill Road. After brief discussion regarding sign placement and ordinance details, Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adopt the speed limit, seconded by Commissioner Teasley. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

d) TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

Attorney Kim Higginbotham provided an update on the status of the TSPLOST intergovernmental agreement and pending municipal participation. Following discussion, a motion and second were made to designate the City of Canon as an absent municipality. After further discussion with the County Attorney, the motion and second were rescinded. No action was taken.

e) TSPLOST Resolution (tentative)

No action was taken.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Purchase Bushhog Tractor to Replace Burnt Tractor.

The Board considered the purchase of a bush hog tractor to replace one that was destroyed by fire. The replacement will be purchased through the state contract at a cost of \$70,763. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Bennett with Commissioner Teasley providing a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

b) Proclamation for Parks and Recreation month

Commissioner Teasley moved to proclaim July as Parks and Recreation Month in Hart County. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to exit Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Alyssa Kilgore, Human Resources