



Hart County Board of Commissioners

Tuesday August 11, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 07/28/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 08/04/2026 Called Meeting
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 - b) Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zones)
 - c) Bid Opening Striping
 - d) Permission to Bid Basketball Uniforms
 - e) Advertising for Open Position on JDA (Joint Development Authority)
 - f) Ridge Road Fire Hydrants Pressure Discussion
 - g) All way Stop Liberty Hill Church Rd – **ADDED**
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 - a) Parks and Recreation Supervisor Job Description
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HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Aug 11, 2026
6:00 PM

Hart County Board of Commissioners met Aug 11, 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 Joey Dorsey 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 Brown moved to amend and approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

07/28/2026 Regular Meeting

08/04/2026 Called Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 7/28/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to amend and approve the 08/04/2026 Called Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Teasley abstained.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

None

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director, Jason Spencer Report

Public Works Director Jason Spencer gave an update on the new workorder software. After four weeks of limited-staff use, training, and development with the workorder software more than 250 work orders have been created across Fleet, Roads, and Parks and Recreation. Code Enforcement setup has begun, Solid Waste onboarding is next, and EMS will use the system to manage supply inventory for its fleet and warehouse. The report's CSR section tracks commissioner service requests, showing who made each request, when it was made, and its

progress. Commissioners should also receive email notifications when work orders are created. The software will track labor hours, parts, equipment, and project costs. FEMA equipment rates can be preloaded for storm response. By year end, the system should help show the true cost of operations. Users will be able to filter by keyword, category, time period, road, building, vehicle, department, or equipment to compare maintenance costs, identify repair trends, and support lifecycle replacement decisions.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

July Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented the July financial reports.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer asked the community to continue remembering in prayer the families of David Sayer, Lynn Baker, and Bobby Powell. David was a good man I knew from Little League Baseball; Lynn was someone I went to school with and reconnected with through the Pilot Club; and Bobby, whom I coached in football for several years, passed away from leukemia shortly after his 23rd birthday.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett asked everyone to keep in their thoughts and prayers the families Commissioner Sayer mentioned, as well as the family of his longtime neighbor, Reba Thompson. He noted that the community has experienced many losses this year.

Commissioner Teasley agreed with the Chairman and Commissioner Bennett in keeping the families who have lost loved ones in our prayers. He also expressed appreciation for public safety personnel and all county employees, including the Bush Hog crew who he was working in the Bethany community today, and thanked them for the good work they do across the county.

Commissioner Brown asked everyone to remember the many people in our community that had lost loved ones, including Lynn Baker and Bobby Powell, who both made a significant impact on himself and on Hart County. Please keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers; also thanked everyone involved, especially the county attorney, for the long hours of work on TSPLOST. He thanked County Attorney Kim Higginbotham and everyone else who helped make it happen; asked that the Board receive the water authority's after-action or corrective-action plan, and an update, on the emergency plan, so they can track progress and communicate it to constituents; he also thanked Jason, the Road Department, and Stratton and Sons for completing the Orchard Road paving project.

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham stated that EMI, the engineering firm will be at the Water and Sewer Authority meeting Monday night the 17th at 6:00 to give a report on their findings.

Commissioner Dorsey asked the community to also keep the families of Betty Kelly a neighbor for many years, Mary Strickland and Lucas Hendrix along with the ones mentioned by other Commissioners; discussed beginning budget work sessions after receiving the county administrator's rough draft, which includes about a \$1.5 million increase over FY26 and to meet with those departments with increases over 3%, including the Northeast Georgia Animal Shelter, and to schedule the first work session for August 18 at 5:00 p.m. Assessment notices have been mailed, and the appeal window remains open until September 10. Property owners without a current homestead exemption may apply during this period for their primary residence. He suggested that if you do not have homestead exemption you should. It is only available for your personal residence; also suggested exploring Class B CDL training for Road Department and Solid Waste employees, noting that a Buford program offers two weeks of three-day training and

provides the vehicle. The board may consider paying for the training in exchange for a service agreement, similar to paramedic school support; encouraged everyone to attend the Northeast Georgia Ag Expo is scheduled for Saturday, August 15; requested updates on the maintenance at the fire stations from the Fire Chief at the first meeting in September, and to have an update on EMS staffing and operations at Decembers meeting, requested to have Waste Management at a meeting to discuss the hauling situation at the Transfer Station.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Resolution for Speed Limit Liberty Hill Road

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adopt the Liberty Hill Road Speed Limit Resolution. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zone)

Commissioner Teasley made a motion to approve the first reading of the Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zone). Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Bid Opening Striping

Commissioner Teasley made a motion to turn the Striping bids over to Public Works Director Jason Spencer and Road Superintendent, Shannon Teasley, for their recommendations to bring back before the board. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Permission to Bid Basketball Uniforms

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to give the Recreation Department permission to bid out basketball uniforms. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Advertising for Open Position on JDA (Joint Development Authority)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to follow the board authority open position process and advertise the open position on the JDA (Joint Development Authority). Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Ridge Road Fire Hydrants Pressures Discussion

The Board discussed fire hydrant pressure and water flow concerns on Ridge Road. County Administrator Terrell Partain reported that to increase the water flow and improve the pressure a larger pipe would need to be installed. The City suggested that the cost for installation and the pipe be split with the County.

Commissioner Teasley questioned who would be responsible for the improvements, noting that the area is served by the City water system and that revenue from City residents' water bills should be used for needed repairs.

Commissioner Dorsey also noted that inadequate hydrant pressure could affect ISO ratings and, more importantly, residents in the area. He added that if the County funds the project, the service delivery territory would need to be changed.

Commissioner Brown requested that a documented corrective action plan be provided, including proposed improvements, responsible parties, estimated costs, and a timeline. He requested that the information be available by September so the issue can be addressed by the end of that month.

- g) All way Stop Liberty Hill Church Rd – **ADDED**

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the four way stop at the intersection of Liberty Hill Church Rd and Liberty Hill Rd. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0

Commissioner Dorsey requested using GDOT message boards or rental to alert drivers of the traffic pattern change.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Parks and Recreation Supervisor Job Description

Commissioner Brown moved to amend and approve the Parks and Recreation Supervisor Job Description. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 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 5-0.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk