



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday January 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
Election of Officers for 2026
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
12/09/25 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
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 - a) Board and Authority Advertising for 2026
 - b) Adding Orchard Road (RR tracks to Hwy 17 <.5 mile) and Walters Road Pt.1(Griffin Rd to Rock Springs approx. 1 mile) to Current Paving Contract
 - c) GMRC Agreement For 2026 Flyover
 - d) LMIG FY'26 Preliminary List of Roads
 - e) Board Appointment Tax Assessor Board - **ADDED**
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) 2026 Election Qualifying Fees
 - b) ADA (Americans with Disability Act) Policy Approval
 - c) His Vision Inc. Setback Variance Request
 - d) Veterans Day Holiday Discussion - **ADDED**
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. PRAYER

Commissioner Brown offered prayer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO ORDER

Election of Officers for 2026

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

Chairman Sayer opened the floor for nominations for Chairman for the 2026 year. Commissioner Brown moved to nominate Commissioner Sayer as Chairman. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0. Chairman Sayer abstained.

Chairman Sayer opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman for the 2026 year. Commissioner Bennett moved to nominate Commissioner Dorsey as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Dorsey abstained.

Chairman Sayer moved to nominate Commissioner Dorsey as the IBA Alternate. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Dorsey abstained.

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 Dorsey moved to amend and approve the agenda to add 12e Board Appointment Tax Assessor Board and 13d Veterans Day Holiday Discussion. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
12/09/2025 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 12/09/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Terri Partain, IBA Director – Rosanna Cruz-Bibb, Archway Professional

Rosanna Cruz-Bibb, Archway Professional updated that the projects the engineering students are working on with the Sheriff's Department and Water Authority will finish this semester. Opportunity for 5 internships for students this summer in Hart County.

Terri Partain, IBA Director announced that Archway Partnership will be facilitating a Hart County Archway update with the City Council, Board of Education, Board of Commissioners and School Leadership on January 22 5:30pm – 7:00pm at The Station. Educator externship in June. Industry roundtable lunch and learn January 27 11am – 1pm at the College and Career Academy.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mike Adams, EMS Director

Mike Adams, EMS Director recognized Jacob Keese, John Moore, Kayla Gabriel, Michael Evans and Christy Zollner for successfully passing their Paramedic exam and National Registry.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Terrell Partain stated that DOT meeting can also be done by ZOOM if they would prefer; construction at the Transfer Station has started and the recycling bins have been moved to the satellite stations until further notice.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer thanked the County, City, State and all involved in securing the bomb threat at the Middle School and the Board of Education for the notifications that were sent out; received an email from City Council requesting a meeting in February to discuss growth, building, annexation and T-SPLOST. Commissioner Dorsey suggested Feb 5 and adding water pressure on Ridge Rd. All agreed.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett thanked all involved in securing the bomb threat at the Middle School; asked everyone to keep those who have lost loved ones including one of our own Board Members in their prayers.

Commissioner Teasley expressed appreciation to all members of Public Safety, County, City and State; keep those who have lost loved ones in your prayers including Commissioner Dorsey's family.

Commissioner Brown thanked all agencies involved in securing the bomb threat to the Middle School and asked all to keep the students and teachers in their thoughts and prayers as they go back to school.

Commissioner Dorsey expressed similar thoughts regarding the bomb threat and commended all agencies involved for their well-executed plan. A huge thanks was also extended to EMS personnel that assisted with his Dad on Christmas day.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Board and Authority Advertising for 2026

Commissioner Teasley moved to advertise for the 2026 Board and Authority appointments. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Adding Orchard Road (RR tracks to Hwy 17 <.5 mile) and Walters Road Pt 1 (Griffin Rd. to Rock Springs approx. 1 mile) to Current Paving Contract

Chairman Sayer moved to Adding Orchard Road (RR tracks to Hwy 17 <.5 mile) and Walters Road Pt 1 (Griffin Rd. to Rock Springs approx. 1 mile) to current paving contract. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) GMRC Agreement for 2026 Flyover

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve that the Chairman sign the letter of intent to participate in the multicounty aerial photography program through GMRC. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) LMIG FY'26 Preliminary List of Roads

County Administrator requested that each Commissioner turn in a preliminary list of roads to go on the application for grant funds.

e) Board Appointment Tax Assessors Board

Chairman Sayer opened the floor for nominations.

Chairman Sayer moved to nominate David Thompson to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0. (term expires 12/31/2028)

Chairman Sayer opened the floor for a second nomination.

Commissioner Brown moved to nominate Amanda Brown to the Tax Assessors Board.

Jane Ziglar, Tax Assessor Board Member, raised concerns about errors and actions within the Tax Assessors Board.

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham stressed that any errors would need to be shown as intentional and serious enough to constitute malfeasance.

Commissioner Bennett provided a second to nominate Amanda Brown to the Tax Assessors Board. The motion carried 5-0. (term expires 12/31/2028)

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2026 Election Qualifying Fees

Commissioner Bennett moved to adopt the 2026 Election Qualifying Fees. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) ADA (Americans with Disability Act) Policy Approval

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt the ADA (Americans with Disability Act) Policy. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) His Vision Inc. Setback Variance Request

Dylan Wilbanks on behalf of His Vision requested a hardship variance for 60 Melody Point.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to deny the setback variance.

Daniel Gordon expressed his concerns, as well as those of other Melody Farm residents, regarding the potential impact of constructing a house near the road. He noted that such development could create a sense of separation from the rest of the neighborhood.

Scott Perkins, who is having a house constructed at Melody Farm, said he ensured his contractor adhered to the setback requirements. He believes that if a home is built too close to the road, it would diminish the ambiance of the surrounding properties.

Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Veterans Day Holiday Discussion

Commissioner Teasley moved to recognize Veterans Day as a County Holiday for County Employees and add it to the holiday calendar. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Spencer, Public Works Applicant, shared his experiences, qualifications and vision for the Public Works position.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

Commissioner Dorsey moved to exit into Executive Session Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the EMS Administrative Assistant at a grade 15. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk