



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday May 26, 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)
05/12/2026 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Public Works Director, Jason Spencer, Road Study Results and Monthly Reports
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
April Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
Countywide Voting on Commissioners Discussion
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Amendment to Chapter 54 (3rd and Final Reading)
 - b) Bid Opening for Turf in Batting Cages (was extended 2 weeks)
 - c) Bid Award Football Uniforms
 - d) Bid Award Cheerleader Uniforms
 - e) County Employee Handbook Discussion
 - f) Subdivision and Permitting Ordinance Revisions Discussion
 - g) Solar Moratorium Extension
 - h) Archway Agreement - **ADDED**
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Approval of 2026 Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) Update
 - b) Scott Appling, Bailey's Lake Farms (19 lots) Subdivision (Level II) (PP C42 091)
 - c) Trent Cape, (Level I) (4 lot) Subdivision (PP C53D 008 001)
 - d) Public Defender FY 27 (July 1, 2026) Budget
 - e) Data Center Moratorium Discussion
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met May 26, 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 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 Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
05/12/2026 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the 05/12/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

None

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Public Works Director, Jason Spencer, Road Study Results and Monthly Report

Public Works Director, Jason Spencer presented the Policy and Procedure for County Road Traffic Signs.

Jason Spencer, Public Works Director, gave updates on the work order software that there will be onboarding training June 10; purchased a pothole patcher and it has been checked out by Maintenance Shop to make sure everything is running properly; created a in house policy procedure on how patching will work and will have training; presented pavement management assessment findings.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
April Financial Report

County Administrator, Terrell Partain gave the financial report for April.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer thanked American Legion Post 109 for organizing the Memorial Day Service. He also recognized Commander Fulghum for coordinating the event, Alyssa Kilgore for singing the National Anthem, Dr. Brad Starnes of Cornerstone for delivering the message, and Marine Veteran Kevin Heaton for offering the prayer.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett thanked all those involved in the Memorial Day Service; asked citizens to keep those who have lost loved ones in their thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Teasley thanked voters for the opportunity to serve another four years. He said he had forwarded concerns from residents in his district to Julie in Permitting so work orders could be prepared for the Road Department. He also expressed appreciation for military personnel past, present, and future, thanked the Road Department for cutting limbs in his district, and recognized EMS for its service.

Commissioner Brown thanked all military service members, honored those who died in battle for our freedoms, congratulated the election winners, and offered special congratulations to Commissioner Teasley on his victory.

Commissioner Dorsey thanked all veterans for their service asked if you see them thank them because they are the reason we have the freedoms we enjoy; asked County Administrator if he had received traffic data from the City of Hartwell he is very anxious to see how they are generating their information; County Administrator, Terrell Partin replied that he had not received any data and that Public Works Director, Jason Spencer had ordered radar signs so the County will be able to conduct data on County roads; mentioned that Meeting minutes for the joint TSPLOST meeting with the City of Hartwell were not posted on the website. County Administrator, Terrell Partain said he would get that done. Congratulated Commissioner Teasley on win in the election.

COUNTYWIDE VOTING ON COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Chairman Sayer stated that he would like Hart County to adopt countywide voting for Commissioners, so they are accountable to all citizens. He added that, because the Supreme Court ruled that the current redistricting method was improper, the county will redistrict in the near future.

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham reported that she had received information on the redistricting matter, contacted ACCG, and was referred to a redistricting toolkit. She said she would review it and present her findings to the Board.

Commissioner Dorsey stated that the Board of Education would also need to be changed to countywide voting and that a referendum would need to be done.

Commissioner Brown said he supports countywide elections for commissioners while retaining one commissioner from each district, along with an election for a Chairman at large. He added that, if adopted, the Board may need to consider increasing commissioner pay because of higher campaign costs.

Commissioner Dorsey said Elbert County has had problems with a Chairman at large and does not believe it would be a good option for Hart County. He said he would prefer to keep the current structure, with each commissioner having equal authority.

Commissioner Bennett agreed with Commissioner Brown's thoughts.

Commissioner Dorsey shared that qualifying fees are 3% of \$450.00.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Amendment to Chapter 54 (3rd and Final Reading)

Commissioner Bennett moved to adopt and accept the 3rd and final reading of the Amendment to Chapter 54. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Bid Opening for Turf in Batting Cages (was extended 2 weeks)

Commissioner Teasley moved to turn the bids over to the County Administrator, Public Works Director, Recreation Director and Recreation Advisory Board for their recommendation. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Bid Award Football Uniforms

Commissioner Dorsey moved upon the recommendations provided to award the football uniforms bid to GO Sports. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Bid Award Cheerleader Uniforms

Commissioner Dorsey moved upon the recommendations provided to award the cheerleading uniforms bid to KAREW Sports. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) County Employee Handbook Discussion

Commissioner Dorsey stated that we had gotten away from the County Handbook that provides us with structure and procedures to follow; not certain if everyone is getting a copy of the handbook or if the Supervisors or going over it with them.

The County Administrator said employees are receiving the handbook, but he is unsure whether supervisors are reviewing it with them. He agreed that the County Handbook should again be used consistently by board members, the County Administrator, department heads and staff.

Commissioner Bennett suggested holding employee meetings in the Meeting Room to review the Handbook.

County Administrator Terrell Partain suggested that it should be up to the Department Head to go over the information in the Handbook.

Commissioner Brown suggested that it should be on the employee to take the Handbook home and familiarize themselves with it.

Commissioner Dorsey moved that the County Administrator work with the department heads to reimplement and retrain County Employees on County Handbook. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- f) Subdivision and Permitting Ordinance Revisions Discussion

No Action

- g) Solar Moratorium Extension

Commissioner Bennett moved to extend the Solar Moratorium for 180 days. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- h) Archway Agreement - **ADDED**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Archway Agreement. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approval of 2026 Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) Update

Commissioner Teasley moved to authorize Chairman Sayer to sign the 2026 Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) Update. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Scott Appling, Bailey's Lake Farms (19 lots) Subdivision (Level II) (PP C42 091)

Chairman Sayer moved to approve Scott Appling, Bailey's Lake Farms (19 lots) Subdivision (Level II) (PP C42 091). Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Trent Cape, (Level I) (4 lot) Subdivision (PP C53D 008 001)

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Trent Cape, (Level I) (4 lot) Subdivision (PP C53 D 008 001). Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) Public Defender FY 27 (July 1, 2026) Budget

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize Chairman Sayer to sign the Public Defender FY 27 (July 1, 2026) budget. Commissioner Teasley provided second. The motion carried 5-0.

- e) Data Center Moratorium Discussion

Chairman Sayer moved to put a 180-day moratorium on the construction of Data Centers. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Evans wanted to clarify that the road study does not include dirt/gravel roads.

Public Works Director, Jason Spencer replied that the road study is for maintaining existing paved roads.

Ms. Evans suggested that the road she lives on is not being treated fairly since Mount Olivet School Rd, a that is similar in size to Wren Road.

Commissioner Dorsey pointed out that Mount Olivet School Road is a paved road and the Board has not paved any dirt/gravel roads.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation - Personnel

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

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk