



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday January 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, IBA Alternate
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 12/8/2020 Reg Meeting
 - 12/15/2020 Call Joint Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Retirement Awards Tony Johnson and Al Hobbs Road Department
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Distilled Spirits License Fees
 - b) Board Appointments Board of Health, Dr. Daniel Gordon
 - c) Set fees for Paynes Creek Park
 - d) DOT Intersection Safety request
 - e) BOA interviews
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) "The Retreat" Subdivision Approval
 - b) Tuan Le Setback Variance Request Parcel ID 64H 098
 - c) Clarification of Lots in Separate locations not Adjoining but Joined by Deed.
 - d) Open Meeting Open Records Training
 - e) Credit for experience Maintenance Shop
 - f) COVID Discussion
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Estate/Personnel/Litigation
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. Prayer was offered by Chairman Dorsey.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call To Order
Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, IBA Alternate

Chairman Dorsey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dorsey moved to nominate Commissioner Sayer to serve as the Chairman. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Sayer abstained).

Commissioner Teasley moved to nominate Commissioner Dorsey to serve as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Dorsey abstained).

Commissioner Teasley moved to nominate Commissioner Dorsey to serve as IBA Alternate. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Dorsey abstained).

Chairman Sayer thanked BOC members for their support; and thanked Commissioner Dorsey for serving as Chairman.

4. Welcome

Chairman Sayer welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda to include item 13f) COVID Discussion and add item 15 personnel and litigation matters. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - 12/8/2020 Reg Meeting
 - 12/15/2020 Call Joint Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve December 8, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Carter abstained).

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve December 15, 2020 called joint meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities
None

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads
Retirement Awards Tony Johnson and Al Hobbs Road Department

Plaques were presented for Tony Johnson and Al Hobbs for their years of dedication to Hart County Road Departments.

County Attorney Walter Gordon gave a brief status of the court system locked down due to the pandemic and preparation to resume jury trials in late February; and strict compliance with CDC guidelines will be followed when jury trails resume.

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported hospitals are on diversion due to the number of COVID cases and is also putting a strain on EMS.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer thanked BOC members for their support; thanked Commissioner Dorsey for serving as Chairman; wished everyone Happy New Year; and welcomed Commissioner Bennett on board.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett thanked his continuants for electing him to serve on the BOC.

Attorney Gordon congratulated Commissioner Bennett and presented him with a copy of the Ethics Pledge for review.

Commissioner Teasley commended law enforcement, public safety, fire and all county employees for their service, wished Tony Johnson and Al Hobbs good luck upon their retirement.

Commissioner Carter welcomed Commissioner Bennett on board; he has received a request from a couple wanting to abandon a portion of Old Mt. Olivet Road.

Attorney Gordon explained the procedure to abandon county roads.

Commissioner Dorsey requested to add Paynes Creek Park to the monthly financial report; welcomed Commissioner Bennett on board.

12. Old Business

a) Distilled Spirits License Fees

Commissioner Dorsey moved to set \$100 administration/processing fee and \$1200 license fee for Distilled Spirits. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Board Appointments Board of Health, Dr. Daniel Gordon

Commissioner Carter moved to appoint Dr. Daniel Gordon to serve on the Board of Health. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (unexpired term ends 12/31/2021).

c) Set fees for Paynes Creek Park

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve rates as follows Sunday – Wednesday (standard electric RV \$30; standard electric tent \$28; standard electric double site \$60; Thursday – Saturday (standard electric RV \$35; standard electric tent \$32; standard electric double \$70; \$3 fee per reservation; 10% senior citizen 65 & over; 10% military; event fee for trails \$50). Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) DOT Intersection Safety request

Commissioner Dorsey moved to request DOT to perform a traffic study at intersections Clay Brown/Bio Church Road intersect with Hwy 172; Eagle Grove School Road/Liberty Church intersect with Hwy 172; Beacon Light Road & Hwy 51 and Nuberg intersection on Hwy 77. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) BOA Interviews

Interviews were conducted with Bill Myers, April Martin and Ryan Winne. Action was taken following Executive Session.

13. New Business

a) "The Retreat" Subdivision Approval

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve 30' right of way as is with no plans to improve the existing county road. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Charlene Lee questioned if the road will be maintained. Commissioner Dorsey responded the county will maintain the road as is.

The motion carried 5-0.

b) Tuan Le Setback Variance Request Parcel ID 65H 098

Commissioner Dorsey moved to table the issue until the following meeting. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion.

Charlene Lee commented the variance request is off a private drive off the county road. Commissioner Dorsey responded the ordinance requires a setback from property line.

The motion carried 5-0

c) Clarification of Lots in Separate locations not Adjoining but Joined by Deed

Commissioner Dorsey moved to take action on a case by case basis. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Open Meeting Open Records Training

Commissioner Dorsey announced training session for Open Meeting/Open Records will be held at the Literacy Center March 9, 2021 following the regular BOC meeting.

e) Credit for experience Maintenance Shop

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve 10 years of credit for experience for John Ahern. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) COVID Discussion

Administrator Partain reported the phone system at the local Health Department is overwhelmed from calls concerning the COVID vaccine. He explained the vaccine process can take weeks and months; the Health Department does not have the staff or phone lines to take the volume of people to administer the vaccine; ask for people to bear with the system until the process to administer the vaccine is finalized.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize County Administrator Partain to use CARES Act funds to assist with COVID vaccinations. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

David Thompson, Vice-Chairman of the BOA, voiced his appreciation to the individuals that expressed an interest on being appointed to the BOA. He thanked Bill Myers and Steve Carswell for their service; announced assessment notices went out January 1; Appraiser Dickerson is working on personal property (boats) that have a lot of old accounts which needs to be removed; reported Appraisers Graham and Marcengill are out daily reviewing permits.

15. Executive Session – Real Estate/Personnel/Litigation

Commissioner Dorsey moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss real estate/personnel/litigation matters. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to reconvene the regular session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to appoint Ryan Winne to serve on the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (term expires 12/31/2023).

Commissioner Bennett moved to appoint April Martin to serve on the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey expressed appreciation to Bill Myers and Steve Carswell for serving on BOA.

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman
Lawana Kahn, County Clerk