



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday June 13, 2023
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)
 - 05/23/2023 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
May Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) FY2024 Public Defender Budget
 - b) Bid Award Recreation Football Bids
 - c) Reed Creek School Road and Prospect Road Intersection (item removed)
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Edward Kilwien, Parcel No. C38E 021, Setback Variance Request
 - b) Re-appointment of Members to Region 2 EMS Advisory Board
 - c) De-Annexation Request Joshua Barnett, Parcel C17A-081 (Town of Bowersville)
 - d) De-Annexation Request Brad Cook, Parcel C17-042-001 and Betty Cook, Parcel C17-042 (Town of Bowersville)
 - e) Reappointment to GMRC Board (At Large Citizen Member)
 - f) FY 2024 Health Insurance Renewal; County policy amendments
 - g) Sheriff Request Credit for Experience (Jail)
 - h) Road Superintendent Credit for Experience
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett and Frankie Teasley in attendance; Commissioner Jeff Brown via zoom; Commissioner Joey Dorsey via telephone.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Bennett.

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 those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the meeting agenda to remove item 12 c); add 13 f) amendments to county policy; g) Sheriff Request for Experience (Jail new hire); h) Road Superintendent Request for Experience (new hire). Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 05/23/2023 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Teasley 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

Attorney Kim Higginbotham revisited rules of décor Code of Ordinance, Section 2:58 b; and limit of two meetings per year via telecommunications per BOC member.

9. County Administrator's Report
May Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented May's General Fund Financial Report.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer thanked everyone involved with the Memorial Day Service Event.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett announced his intentions to run for re-election.

Commissioner Teasley voiced his appreciation to military personnel; bush hog crew; public safety employees; and all other county employees.

Commissioner Brown offered condolences to the Burroughs family.

Commissioner Dorsey voiced his appreciation to everyone attending.

12. Old Business

a) FY2024 Public Defender Budget

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Public Defender's Budget and authorize Chairman Sayer to sign the Budget Agreement. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Bid Award Recreation Football Bid

Chairman Sayer moved to award the Recreation Football Bid per the Rec Advisory Board's recommendation to Go Sports. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

a) Edward Kilwien, Parcel No. C38E 021, Setback Variance Request

Commissioner Bennett moved to grant Mr. Kilwien's request for 5' setback that will allow him space for a garage on his property. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Re-appointment of Members to Region 2 EMS Advisory Board

Chairman Sayer moved to re-appoint Terrell Partain and Mike Adams to serve on the State Region 2 EMS Advisory Board. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) De-Annexation Request Joshua Barnett, Parcel C17A-081 (Town of Bowersville)

Commissioner Bennett moved to not take any action until further review. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) De-Annexation Request Brad Cook, Parcel C17-042-001 and Betty Cook, Parcel C17-042 (Town of Bowersville)

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e) Re-appointment to GMRC Board (At Large Citizen Member)

Commissioner Bennett moved to re-appoint William (Bill) Chafin to serve as at large citizen to GMRC Board. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) FY 2024 Health Insurance Renewal; County Policy Amendments

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve health insurance renewal with Anthem BCBS at -4% discount. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

g) Sheriff Request Credit for Experience (Jail new hire)

Commissioner Teasley moved to grant 4 years credit for experience to George Jordan. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

h) Road Superintendent Request Credit for Experience (New hire)

Commissioner Teasley moved to grant 2 years credit for experience to Brandon Sanders. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Matt Butler requested road work assistance on Shirley Road in the Town of Bowersville.

Kelly Cagle requested immediate action be taken to stop truck traffic on E Main Street in Bowersville.

Commissioner Dorsey addressed damages to roads due to GDOT's detour while replacing a bridge on State Highway 29; his desire to avoid the same issues from developing when GDOT starts construction on other bridges in the county that are slated to be replaced.

15. Executive Session – Litigation

Commissioner Bennett moved to go into Executive Session and allow Attorney VanDora, Charlie Pierce and Cain Harper to attend Executive Session. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion.

Commissioner Dorsey strongly disagreed to allow VanDora, Pierce and Harper to participate in Executive Session while discussing litigation. Chairman Sayer called for the vote stating that the parties were necessary to the discussion on litigation. Motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Dorsey did not participate in the Executive Session).

Commissioner Bennett moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Teasley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk