



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday December 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Held at AgroSciences Center Bowman Hwy

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 11/22/2022 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
Jeffery Dorfman, Ph.D., Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics University of Georgia
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Resolution to Resend Sec. 2-2. Process for resolving land annexation disputes. (3rd and Final Reading)
 - b) Sunday sale of Distilled Spirits Ordinance (2nd Reading)
 - c) Beer and Wine Ordinance revision (election day sales) (2nd Reading)
 - d) Bid Opening Road Department Sidearm Tractor.
 - e) Cancellation of December 27th, 2022, Board of Commissioners Meeting
 - f) **FY23 LMIG Road List for Grant Application – item removed from the agenda**
 - g) Subdivision Moratorium Extension
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Beer and Wine Class A License Renewal for Gregg Jackson - Hartwell Golf Club Inc, Jeffery L Adams – Boat House Grill, Charles A Findley – El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC, John Thomas Eagan – Hartwell VFW Post 8076 Inc., John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LC d/b/a, Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill.
 - b) Beer and Wine Class B License Renewal for Subrin Mostofa/DBA 29 Royal Food, Talat Solaiman/DBA Royal Food Mart #8742, Khurram Balagam/DBA Vanna Country Store, Ashish Patel/DBA Maxsaver, Raheel Nicholas Lakhani/DBA Mini Mart, Malik Babwani/DBA Diamond Jubilee Royal Food & Tobacco, Sumreena Hameed/DBA SH Retail LLC, Vikrant Madhar Tupdale/DBA ANV Reed Creek Food Mart LLC d/b/a Reed Creek General Store-2.
 - c) Distilled Spirits License (retail) renewal for Charles A Findley – El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC, John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LLC d/b/a Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill, Jeffery L Adams – Boat House Grill.
 - d) Board Appointments Elections Board (Democratic Party) and (Republican Party)

- e) Board Appointments Board of Assessors
- f) Board Appointments Recreation Advisory Board
- g) Board Appointments Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
- h) Board Appointments Joint Development Authority (JDA)

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation - Personnel

16. ADJOURNMENT

Hart County Board of Commissioners
December 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met December 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the AgriScience Center located on Bowman Highway, Hartwell Georgia.

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

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Dorsey; thanked the Board of Education and School Superintendent Jennifer Carter for the use of the facility.

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 Brown moved to amend and approve the meeting agenda to remove item 12 f) FY23 LMIG Road List for Grant Application. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 11/22/2022 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the November 22, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

Jeffery Dorfman, Ph.D., Professor Agricultural and Applied Economics
University of Georgia

Professor Dorfman explained according to research in housing development growth can put an additional strain on public services, roads and school system to name a few; new growth is good only if it grows revenue faster than expenses; housing

should be done for economic reasons to help protect the agricultural industry in the county as well as its rural character; one out of six jobs in the state is connected to agricultural and forestry; agriculture in Hart County is the leading industry.

If new housing were to be developed it should be close to the city where infrastructure already exist.

He also explained homes would need to be valued more than the average housing cost in the county to provide for a child's educational needs.

Several individuals in the audience spoke in opposition to additional housing development in Hart County.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

County Attorney Walter Gordon reported an objection was filed for the City's annexation request with the Department of Community Affairs within the time frame required by law; as of response received December 8, 2022 DCA was unable to assemble a panel of arbitrators. Therefore, the request objecting the City of Hartwell's proposed annexation expired with no action.

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain was attending required training classes out of town and was not able to attend.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer wished everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy New Year and encouraged everyone to offer a helping hand to those less fortunate.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett wished everyone Merry Christmas/Happy New Year.

Commissioner Teasley thanked Public Safety, County Employees and wished everyone Merry Christmas/Happy New Year.

Commissioner Brown raised awareness of kids and need; thanked the Chamber for organizing the Christmas parade.

Commissioner Dorsey wished everyone Merry Christmas/Happy New Year; thanked the Chamber for the efforts organizing the parade; volunteers for special events are always welcomed; offered condolences to the family of Tom Mullenix; and concerns for litter issues along county road ways.

12. Old Business

- a) Resolution to Resend Sec. 2-2. Process for resolving land annexation disputes (3rd and Final Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt the Resolution to Resend Sec. 2-2 Process for resolving land annexation disputes 3rd and final reading. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Sunday sale of Distilled Spirits Ordinance (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the 2nd reading Sunday sale of Distilled Spirits Ordinance. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Beer and Wine Ordinance revision (election day sales) (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the 2nd reading Beer & Wine Ordinance revision (election day sales). Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) Bid Opening Road Department Sidearm Tractor

Bid were received and opened from Ag Pro; Atlantic Southern Equipment and Cobb County Tractor.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to defer the bids to County Administrator Terrell Partain and Road Superintendent Shannon Teasley for review and recommendations; and to put bushhog service out for bid. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- e) Cancellation of December 27, 2022, Board of Commissioners Meeting

Commissioner Dorsey moved to cancel Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled December 27, 2022. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- f) FY23 LMIG Road List for Grant Application

Item was removed from the meeting agenda.

- g) Subdivision Moratorium Extension

Commissioner Dorsey moved to extend the Subdivision Moratorium through June 2023. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

- a) Beer and Wine Class A License Renewal for Gregg Jackson – Hartwell Golf Club Inc; Jeffery L Adams – Boat House Grill; Charles A Findley – El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC; John Thomas Eagan – Hartwell VFW Post 8076 Inc; John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LC d/b/a, Tilly’s Tiki Bar & Grill

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve Class A Renewal for the above referenced applicants. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Beer and Wine Class B License Renewal for Subrin Mostofa/DBA 29 Royal Food; Talat Solaiman/DBA Royal Food Mart #8742; Khurram Balagam/DBA Vanna Country Store; Ashish Patel/DBA Maxsaver; Raheel Nicholas Lakhani/DBA Mini Mart, Malik Babwani/DBA Diamond Jubilee Royal Food & Tobacco; Sumreena Hameed/DBA SH Retail LLC; Vikrant Madhar Tupdale/DBA ANV Reed Creek Food Mart LLC d/b/a Reed Creek General Store-2

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Class B Beer/Wine License Renewal for the above referenced applicants. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Distilled Spirits License (retail) renewal for Charles A Findley – El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC; John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LLC d/b/a Tilly’s Tiki Bar & Grill; Jeffery L Adams – Boat House Grill

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Distilled Spirits License Renewal for the above referenced applicants. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) Board Appointments Election Board (Democratic Party) and (Republican Party)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to confirm the Democratic Party recommendation to appoint Pam Gordon and the Republican Party recommendation to re-appoint Dottie Williams to serve on the Board of Elections. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Term expires 12/31/2026).

- e) Board Appointments Board of Assessors

Commissioner Dorsey moved to re-appoint Amanda Brown to serve on the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Term expires 12/31/2025).

- f) Board Appointments Recreation Advisory Board

Commissioner Teasley moved to re-appoint Erin Gaines, Steve Wehunt and Brian Wise as per the Recreation Advisory Board’s recommendation. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Term expires 12/31/2024).

- g) Board Appointments Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D

Commissioner Bennett moved to re-appoint William (Bill) Chafin to serve on Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Term expires 12/31/2023).

h) Board Appointments Joint Development Authority (JDA)

Commissioner Brown moved to re-appoint Roy Crocker and Justin Corbett; appoint Jessica Seawright to serve on the Joint Development Authority. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (Term expires 12/31/2026).

14. Public Comment

Kevin Thompson thanked the BOC; County Attorney for their stance opposing the City of Hartwell annexation request and expressed disappointment with the City Leaders.

15. Executive Session – Litigation-Personnel

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss Litigation-Personnel matters. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk