



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday January 23, 2024
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)
1/9/24 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Amendment to Building Permits Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18.31(h) (3rd and Final Reading)
 - b) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcel I57B 023 001
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) 2024 Recreation / Little League Facility use Agreement
 - b) Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D board appointments
 - c) Nancy Hart School/Liberty Hill Church Roads
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel/Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met January 23, 2024 at 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

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Brown.

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 via in person, YouTube of HTC Channel 3.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Dorsey moved to amend and approve the agenda to include item 13 c) Nancy Hart School Road and Liberty Hill Church Road Intersection; 13 d) GDOT Bridge Replacement and item 15 Executive session – Personnel/Real Estate. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
1/9/24 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024 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

None

9. County Administrator's Report

None

10. Chairman's Report

None

11. Commissioner' Reports
None

12. Old Business

- a) Amendment to Building Permits Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18.31(h) (3rd and Final Reading)

Commissioner Teasley moved to adopt the amendment to Building Permits Chapter 18, Article II, section 18.31 (h) as the 3rd and final reading. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcel I57B 023 001

Commissioner Dorsey moved to remove the item from the table for discussion. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Kimberly Higginbotham explained the annexation request would indeed constitute an unincorporated island in the county.

Commissioner Brown moved per legal advisement to object to the annexation request due to creating an island in the unincorporated area of the county. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion.

County resident Evans recommended the county surveyor review the boundary lines. Commissioner Dorsey responded that the county is on a timeline to respond to the City of Hartwell's annexation request.

Chairman Sayer called for the vote. Motion carried 4 – 0 (Commissioner Teasley abstained).

13. New Business

- a) 2024 Recreation/Little League Facility use Agreement

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the 2024 Recreation/Little League Facility Use Agreement. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D board appointments

Commissioner Dorsey moved to appoint Commissioner Bennett to serve on the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Bennett abstained). (term expires 12/31/2024)

- c) Nancy Hart School Road and Liberty Hill Church Road Intersection

Commissioner Bennett suggested installing double stop signs and dangerous intersection signs on Nancy Hart School Road. The BOC agreed to the suggestion and will continue to resolve the dangerous intersection.

- d) GDOT Bridge Replacement

Commissioner Dorsey moved to place Old Henry's Church Road on the GDOT Bridge Replacement list. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Chairman Sayer announced Hart County Little League will host a fishing tournament February 11, 2024 at Gum Branch Mega Ramp.

Nancy Evans of Heathwood Circle reported Heathwood Cove, Wren Road and Heathwood Circle have not been county maintained; roads have washed away; issues with grit and dust from the gravel; she questioned if LMIG funds can be used to pave the roads mentioned above and noticed there was not any road projects designated in SPLOST VI.

Chairman Sayer explained the BOC is researching TSPLOST requirements before calling for a referendum.

Commissioner Dorsey stated SPLOST VI funding is designated for the new jail facility loan payments, fire improvements, water, and economic development as approved by the voters.

15. Executive Session – Personnel/Real Estate

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

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

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Bennett 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