



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday March 26, 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)
3/12/24 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
Archway-Dr. Rosanna Cruz-Bibb
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Amending Article VIII, Sec. 66-203. - Prohibition on through trucks, Exhibit "A" by Adding Farm Rd., Andrew Floyd Rd., Akins Lunsford Rd. Tom Rice Road, and Frank Crook Rd. to list. (3rd and Final Reading)
 - b) Bid Opening Road Repair / Paving
 - c) Lease renewal Botanical Gardens Property
 - d) Legacy Link Contract Amendment
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Credit for experience Road Department
 - b) City of Hartwell Annexation Request parcel no. C55 010, 33 Ack Powell Road.
 - c) Discussion on Trash along Roadways
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation - Personnel
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met March 26, 2024, 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

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 personal, HTC and or YouTube.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda to include item 7) Archway-Dr. Rosanna Cruz-Bibb; and item 12 d) Legacy Link Contract Amendment. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
3/12/24 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Brown moved to amend and approve the March 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities
Archway-Dr. Rosanna Cruz-Bibb

Bill Leard thanked the BOC for their support for the Archway program and turned the floor over to Rosanna.

Dr. Cruz-Bibb announced the Ag Expo Event is scheduled to take place at the Ag Center August 17, 2024.

Brian Fleming spoke on behalf of Archway support with the Ag Expo; thanked the community for support and attending the Ag Expo Events and invited everyone to attend this year's event.

Dr. Cruz-Bibb gave an overview of the various projects UGA students have been involved with over the past year.

Commissioner Dorsey suggested utilizing students through Archway to update county job descriptions; update the county's website and a design a plan for the old jail facility for early voting and storing voting machines.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

None

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer acknowledged the late Blake Thompson's career serving as an EMT in Hart County, Elbert County and EMS Director in Wilkes County.

11. Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Bennett thanked Road Department personnel for their service.

Commissioner Teasley thanked the City of Hartwell for fixing the construction site hole on Ridge Road; voiced concerns about security at the Mega Ramp and offered appreciation to the Road Department personnel.

Commissioner Brown wished everyone a Happy Easter weekend.

Commissioner Dorsey wished everyone a safe Easter holiday; offered condolences to the Sayer/Thompson family; Mark Brown's family and Kevin Roach's family.

12. Old Business

- a) Amending Article VIII, Sec. 66-203.- Prohibition on through trucks, Exhibit "A" by adding Farm Rd., Andrew Floyd Rd., Akins Lunsford Rd., Tom Rice Road, and Frank Crook Rd. to list (3rd and Final Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to amend and approve the 3rd reading of Article VIII, Sec. 66-203. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Bid Opening Road Repair/Paving

Following the bid opening from Allied Paving and Stratton & Sons, Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize County Administrator to start the contract process with low bidder Stratton & Sons; add widening a section of Farm Road/Andrew Floyd Road to the list of roads. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) Lease renewal Botanical Gardens Property

Attorney Higginbotham reported the lease renewal automatically renewed for ten years no action is needed.

- d) Legacy Link Contract Amendment

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend the Legacy Link Contract for 2024. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

- a) Credit for experience Road Department

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant two years credit for experience for new hire Thomas Nicholson for the bushhog crew. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) City of Hartwell Annexation Request parcel no. C55 010, 33 Ack Powell Road

Real Estate Broker Charlene Fields requested annexation of 2.3 acres of land located at Ack Powell Road to access city sewage services for Lakeside Pit Viper BBQ.

Commissioner Dorsey stated that under the City of Hartwell's B-2 zoning designation the use of the property is not in line with the character of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to object to the annexation request. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Bennett opposed).

c) Discussion on Trash along Roadways

No action was taken.

14. Public Comment

Chamber of Commerce Director Lindsey Ingle announced the Chamber is sponsoring a clean up day April 22, 2024, for roadside trash pickup.

15. Executive Session – Litigation – Personnel

Commissioner Bennett moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters and allow two members of the Election Board to attend. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Dorsey moved to add two detention officers to the number of positions at the Jail. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Brown 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