



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday January 9, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER  
Election of Officers for 2024
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)  
12/12/2023 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT  
December Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
  - a) Chapter 50 Manufactured/Mobile Home Ordinance Amended (3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading)
  - b) Board and Authority Advertising for 2024
  - c) Amendment to Building Permits Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18.31(h) (2nd Reading)
13. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcel I57B 023 001
  - b) Credit for Experience Jail
  - c) Credit for Experience EMS
  - d) Credit for Experience Road Department
  - e) Credit for Experience Maintenance Shop
  - f) 2024 Election Qualifying Fees Resolution (2024-001)
  - g) Carpet Replacement Main Courtroom
  - h) Animal Shelter Discussion (item removed)
  - i) Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement renewal
  - j) Chamber Request Special Event License
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation/Personnel
16. ADJOURNMENT

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January 9, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met January 9, 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 Chairman Sayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call To Order

Election of Officers for 2024

Commissioner Bennett moved to elect Commissioner Sayer as Chairman, Commissioner Dorsey as Vice Chairman and Commissioner Dorsey as IBA Alternate. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Welcome

Chairman Sayer welcomed everyone in attendance via in person, YouTube, or HTC Channel 3.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Brown moved to amend and approve the agenda to remove item 13 h; add item 13 j Chamber of Commerce Request Special Event Alcohol License and Executive Session – Personnel. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

12/12/2023 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023, regular meeting. Commissioner Brown 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

December Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented December General Fund Financial Report; reported Tax Commissioner Martin will issue overpayment refund checks to senior citizens for school tax exemption; Hart County is not involved with satellite provider services; explained the ISO Standards have changed requirements for fire insurance ratings; the county is working to resolve issues from the previous ISO revaluation; long range plans will require additional full time staffed fire fighters; commended Road Department, Sheriff and Dispatch personnel for their work during the heavy rain storm; nine county roads were closed due to flooding.

## 10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer reported GDOT has agreed with the county that a round about is not necessary on Highway 172.

## 11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett thanked the Road Department crews for their efforts during the heavy rainstorm.

Commissioner Teasley commended Public Safety/Public Works and county employees for their efforts.

Commissioner Brown commended Public Works; encouraged BOC spearhead ideas for recruitment efforts for volunteer fire fighters.

Commissioner Dorsey requested Representative Powell assist with acquiring funding for damaged county roads due to the bridge replacement project on Highway 29; addressed Archway participation for solutions to parking issues in downtown Hartwell; and commended Road, Emergency Services, Sheriff personnel for their involvement during severe weather conditions.

## 12. Old Business

### a) Chapter 50 Manufactured/Mobile Home Ordinance amended (3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading)

Commissioner Bennett moved to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of Chapter 50 Manufactured/Mobile Home Ordinance. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### b) Board and Authority Advertising for 2024

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize staff to advertise for upcoming Board and Authority candidates. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

### c) Amendment to Building Permits Chapter 18, Article 18.31 (h) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Commissioner Teasley moved to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Amendment to Building Permits Chapter 18. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

## 13. New Business

### a) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcel I57B 023 001

Commissioner Dorsey reported the City of Hartwell resurfaced the county's portion of Highland Avenue; the annexation request would create an island.

Charlie Pierce requesting annexation into the City of Hartwell, the property will then fall under City Zoning requirements; he contested the annexation would not create an island; he is exercising right to annex for the main reason backyard fence line.

Chairman Sayer moved to grant the request contingent attorneys determine the issue with unincorporated island. Commissioner Bennett provided a second.

Chairman Sayer rescinded the motion.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to table the annexation request. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Credit for Experience Jail

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant two years credit for experience to Certified Detention Officer Christopher Trotter retro to hire date. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Credit for Experience EMS

Commissioner Teasley moved to grant two years credit for experience to Paramedic Stoney Norris retro to full time date of hire. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Credit for Experience Road Department

Commissioner Brown moved to grant four years credit for experience to new hire John Shaw (Equipment Operator 2). Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Credit for Experience Maintenance Shop

Commissioner Teasley moved to grant six years credit for experience to new hire Andy Fortson (Grade 16 mechanic). Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) 2024 Election Qualifying Fees Resolution (2024-001)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt the 2024 Election Qualifying Fees Resolution. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

g) Carpet Replacement Main Courtroom

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Bowers Flooring quote of \$9,061.08 to replace the carpet in the main courtroom. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

h) Animal Shelter Discussion (item removed)

i) Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement renewal

Chairman Sayer moved to renew Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for five years. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

j) Chamber of Commerce – Special Event Alcohol License (January 27, 2024)

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for a Special Alcohol Event License. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

#### 14. Public Comment

Adela Harter, resident of Reed Creek requested a speed table for the intersection of Paynes Creek/Boleman Hill/Mt.Olivet/John Fleming Roads, if not alter the flow of traffic for safety reasons.

Commissioner Dorsey responded that the county cannot do anything to alter the intersection.

#### 15. Executive Session – Litigation/Personnel

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Brown 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 Teasley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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Marshall Sayer, Chairman

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Lawana Kahn, County Clerk