Hart County Board of Commissioners

June 23, 2015

5:30 p.m.

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

* 6/9/15 Regular Meeting

1. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
2. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. Poultry Farm Property Line Setback Ordinance Public Hearing
8. Poultry Farm Property Line Setback Ordinance Third and Final Reading
9. Public Hearing for Changes to Section18.31(f) Building Permit Ordinance
10. Third and Final Reading to Section18.31(f) Building Permit Ordinance
11. Clement Bell Refund Request Report from BOA- Commissioner Carter

1. NEW BUSINESS

a) Public Defender FY16 Budget Funding Request

b) NE GA Food Bank Update

c) Rec Dept. Pay for Experience Credit Request

d) GMRC Private Sector Board Appointment

e) GMRC BOC Appointment- Confirmation

f) Jason Whitsell B&W Application

g) Hanson Poultry House Building Permit Time Extension Request

h) SO Request for Years of Service Credit

1. PUBLIC COMMENT
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pending & Potential Litigation
3. ADJOURNMENT

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June 23, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The Hart County Board of Commissioners met June 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Jimmy Carey presided with Commissioner R C Oglesby, Frankie Teasley and Ricky Carter in attendance. Commissioner Joey Dorsey was out of town on business related issues.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Tom Hardigree.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Carey called the meeting to order.

1. Welcome

Chairman Carey welcomed those in attendance.

1. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to add Executive Session/Pending/Potential Litigation matters and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

1. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

* 6/9/15 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

1. Remarks by Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

None

1. Reports by Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

1. County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Jon Caime commended County Attorney Walter Gordon for his article in the Georgia Trend monthly magazine.

1. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Carey commended the Recreation Department employees for their work on the fields at the park.

1. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Teasley reported on the meeting with the Board of Education sub-committee and the successful turnout for the Chamber fishing tournament.

Commissioner Carter reported there were 115 boats in the fishing tournament; the sub-committee will meet July 29 and discuss concerns with including the Extension Service at the new agriculture center; and the Georgia legislatures approved the purchase of fireworks in the state effective July 1, 2015 and questioned whether the county could impose restrictions on sell of fireworks. County Attorney Gordon explained that the county would not have an opportunity to impose regulations prior to January 1.

1. Old Business

a) Poultry Farm Property Line Setback Ordinance Public Hearing

Commissioner Oglesby moved to open the public hearing. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

No public comments were received.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Poultry Farm Property Line Setback Ordinance Third and Final Reading

Chairman Carey moved to adopt the third and final reading of the ordinance. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Public Hearing for Changes to Section 18.31(f) Building Permit Ordinance

Commissioner Oglesby moved to open the public hearing. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

No public comments were received.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) Third and Final Reading to Section 18.31(f) Building Permit Ordinance

Commissioner Oglesby moved to adopt the third and final reading of the ordinance. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) Clement Bell Refund Request Report from BOA – Commissioner Carter

Commissioner Carter explained that there appeared to be conflicting information provided to Mr. Bell between the Tax Commissioners’ office and the Appraiser’s office and that the board needs closure on items that have been brought before them. No action was taken.

1. New Business

a) Public Defender FY16 Budget Funding Request

County Attorney Gordon explained the benefits for the public defender’s office are set by the state; the council elected to pay unemployment tax to save money; water cooler is for public use and the building lease is locked in for at least three additional years.

Public Defender Weserman explained there are eleven employees working in the office and the funding request is based on case load per county.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to adopt the Public Defender’s FY16 budget request tentative all the counties in the circuit approval. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-1 (Chairman Carey opposed). Chairman Carey explained that the BOC needs to cut spending not increase it.

b) NE GA Food Bank Update

John Becker reported the food bank has provided over three hundred thousand pounds of food last year to the needy in the area. They have started a food hub program involving local farmers that wish to provide local grown produce to the food bank. No action was taken.

c) Rec Dept. Pay of Experience Credit Request

Rec Director Jim Owens explained that this employee has been a part time seasonal employee for three seasons and has not received an increase in pay. CA Caime stated that part time employees normally receive a step raise for continued service to the County but that seasonal employees are not given the same benefit. No action was taken.

d) GMRC Private Sector Board Appointment (term expires 6/30/16)

Chairman Carey moved to re-appoint Bill Chafin to serve on the GMRC private sector board. Commissioner Oglesby provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) GMRC BOC Appointment – Confirmation

Commissioner Oglesby moved to appoint Commissioner Carter to serve on the GMRC. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-0 (Commissioner Carter abstained).

f) Jason Whitsel B&W Application

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve Mr. Whitsel’s beer and wine license application for 2015. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

g) Hanson Poultry House Building Permit Time Extension Request

The integrator explained that the owner desired to withdraw his request. No action was taken.

h) SO Request for Years of Service Credit

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve two years of credit for Deputy Brian Anderson retroactive to June 21, 2015. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

1. Public Comment

Herb Hix commented on the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessors offices indicated that he was privy to information related to the terms of a confidential agreement resulting from mediation. County Attorney Walter Gordon questioned Mr. Hix on the source of this confidential information on a pending mediation settlement.

Mary Beth Focer commented on an upcoming hearing in mid-July and micro managing departments.

1. Executive Session – Pending and Potential Litigation

Commissioner Oglesby moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation matters. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

With no further action taken during Executive Session, Commissioner Oglesby moved to exit Executive Session and reenter the regular meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Carey moved to authorize County Attorney Gordon and an attorney who represents the Board of Tax Assessors to negotiate the terms of a consent order which, if approved by the court will bring the Andy Adams tax litigation case to a conclusion. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

1. Adjournment

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

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Jimmy Carey, Chairman Lawana Kahn, County Clerk

