



Hart County Board of Commissioners

Tuesday September 8, 2026

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)
 - 08/25/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 08/25/2026 Called Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
Charles Cawthorn, Director Hart County Water and Sewer
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Public Works Director, Jason Spencer, Public Works monthly report
Fire Chief, Jerry Byrum, Fire Department update
EMS Director, Mike Adams, EMS Update
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
August Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Amendment to Chapter 6 Article I (kratom) (2nd reading)
 - b) Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zones) (3rd and final reading)
 - c) JDA Board Appointment
 - d) Ridge Road fire Hydrants
 - e) Use of Courthouse grounds for Scarecrow event
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a)
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT



Hart County Board of Commissioners

Tuesday August 25, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
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 - 08/11/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 08/18/2026 Called Meeting
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 - b) Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zones) (2nd Reading)
 - c) Bid Award Striping
 - d) FY 28 Transit Grant Application Authorizing Resolution
 - e) Resolution Authorizing Grand Jury Use of Alternative Facility (Lower-Level Adult Learning Center)
 - f) Sidearm Replacement Purchase
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) City of Hartwell Annexation Request (Parcel 156G 034) Christ Church of Hartwell
 - b) Lake Hartwell Association Letter of Support
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
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HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Aug 25, 2026

6:00 PM

Hart County Board of Commissioners met Aug 25, 2026, at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown, and Joey Dorsey present at the meeting.

1. PRAYER

Commissioner Michael Bennett offered prayer.

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 all those in attendance via in person, HTC Channel 3, and Board of Commissioners YouTube site.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

08/11/2026 Regular Meeting

08/18/2026 Called Meeting

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 8/11/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Brown moved to amend and approve the 08/18/2026 Called Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Bennett abstained.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Mr. Cawthon was unable to attend due to another engagement but plans to present the Water Authority report next month. EMI, the engineering firm, attended the Water Authority meeting and recommended improvements, including monitoring pressure and flow throughout the system as part of a SCADA upgrade. Because the recommendations did not include cost estimates, EMI was asked to provide pricing before the next meeting.

8. REPORTS BY CONSITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

None

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

None

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman asked the county to keep Mr. Bill Chafin in its prayers following the passing of his wife, noting Mr. Chafin many years of dedicated service to Hart County on the GMRC board. He also asked that Pastor Chris Pritchett be remembered as he faces health challenges, recognizing his service with local athletics, Little League, high school baseball, the county fire department, and serves as a Chaplain at the Sheriff's Office.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett echoed the Chairman's remarks regarding Mr. Bill Chafin, recalling Mr. Chafin's long-standing service to the community, including volunteer work with the census and service on the RC&D Board. He also asked that the Thompson family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers following the passing of Ms. Reba Thompson, and encouraged continued prayers for all Hart County families experiencing loss.

Commissioner Teasley agreed with the previous remarks regarding Mr. Bill Chafin and asked that he and his family remain in everyone's prayers. He also expressed appreciation for law enforcement, EMS, firefighters, and all county employees for their service.

Commissioner Brown reminded everyone that the comprehensive plan meeting would be held the following day from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center at the library and encouraged public attendance because the plan is important to the county's future. He thanked County Attorney Kim Higginbotham for the Water Department update and requested that the next meeting include updates on the after-action plan, emergency plan, and the Ridge Road hydrant and water-pressure issue. He noted that the Water Authority is currently analyzing the matter and that the Board expects to review options and establish a plan in September.

Commissioner Dorsey for the District 5 report. Commissioner Dorsey extended condolences to Mr. Bill Chafin and his family, noting Mr. Chafin many years of service to the county. He also asked that Pastor Chris Pritchett, a member of the fire department at Vanna Station, and his family be kept in everyone's prayers. Commissioner Dorsey requested updates at the next meeting from the fire chief regarding maintenance issues and from EMS regarding turnover, staffing vacancies, and progress toward filling positions. He also requested that both department heads attend.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Kratom Ordinance

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 1st Reading of the Kratom Ordinance and to include a notice with the Beer/Wine and/or Distilled Spirit Alcohol applications. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zone) (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zone). Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Bid Opening Striping

Commissioner Dorsey moved to award the Striping Bid to Allstar Concrete, Inc based on the recommendation of Public Works Director Jason Spencer and Road Superintendent, Shannon Teasley. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) FY 28 Transit Grant Application Authorizing Resolution

Commissioner Dorsey made a motion to authorize County Attorney Terrell Partain to sign the FY 28 Transit Grant Application. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Resolution Authorizing Grand Jury Use of Alternative Facility (Lower-Level Adult Learning Center)

Commissioner Bennett moved to authorize the Grand Jury to use an alternate facility (Lower-Level Adult Learning Center). Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Sidearm Replacement Purchase

Commissioner Brown moved to proceed with purchasing the sidearm recommended by Public Works Director Jason Spencer at state purchasing pricing and to determine whether any discount is available for purchasing two units at the same time or for a multiple-unit purchase. If a discount is available to bring that back to the board at the next meeting. In the meantime, I recommend moving forward with this purchase. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) City of Hartwell Annexation Request (Parcel 156G 034) Christ Church of Hartwell

Commissioner Bennett moved to not object to the Annexation request of parcel 156G 034 Christ Church of Hartwell. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Lake Hartwell Association Letter Support

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the letter of support for the Lake Hartwell Association. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Evans of Heathwood Circle stated that she has appeared before the Board several times to request that her gravel road be paved. She explained that road dust has become a public health and safety concern, stating that she is under pulmonary care for small airways disease and that her doctor identified mineral dust from gravel roads as a contributing factor.

Commissioner Bennett commented that a person experiencing health problems from road dust might consider moving to a paved road.

After Ms. Evans' allotted time expired, she asked whether a follow-up meeting could be scheduled to discuss the matter further. The Board explained that any meeting involving a quorum would need to be publicly advertised. The Chair asked Public Works Director Jason Spencer to coordinate a meeting with Ms. Evans and individual commissioners.

Janette Courtney Cross addressed the Board during public comment regarding concerns related to her work with the Board of Elections. She said she had tried to address concerns privately since April but felt the matter had not been resolved. She described an incident at an April

managers' meeting involving Board of Elections Chairman Gary Hamilton and said she later sought a meeting to discuss how she had been treated. Ms. Cross stated that she was told the chairperson had sole authority over employee retention, termination, discipline, and poll-worker training and appointments, and she questioned what oversight or appeal process was available.

The Board explained that the Board of Commissioners does not have jurisdiction over the Board of Elections because it was created through state legislation, although election-related personnel are paid through the county.

Commissioner Dorsey indicated they would review the enabling legislation, consult with the county attorney and state representatives if appropriate, and consider whether changes could be pursued in a future legislative session.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

Commissioner Brown moved to exit the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to exit Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Called Budget Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Following the Regular BOC Meeting at the
Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. General Government 10000
2. Executive (BOC) 13000
3. Risk Management 15550
4. Probate Court 24500
5. EMS 36000
6. Coroner 37000
7. Public Works 41000
8. Highways and Streets 42000
9. Senior Center 55200
10. Recreation 61000
11. Other Items as Time Allows

HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey present at the meeting.

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Recreation 61000

Commissioner Brown announced that the by-laws of the Recreation Advisory Board state that the RAB should be preparing the budget and presenting it to the Board of Commissioners. RAB member Bob Fyre stated that they had not gone over the budget.

Chairman Sayer asked that the RAB go over their budget and to bring it back before the Board of Commissioners.

2. Elections 14000

Board of Elections Chairman requested to change the part-time position to a full-time position. Commissioner Dorsey suggested 2 part-time positions to cut down on the cost of benefits and have the benefit of an additional employee. He also asked if the budget had been approved by the entire board. Board member responded that it had not. Commissioner Dorsey asked the Elections Board to review the budget and bring back to the Board of Commissioners.

3. EMS 36000

EMS Director Mike Adams gave an overview of the request for the FY 27 EMS budget. Included in the request is an increase in the paygrade to help with retaining current employees and hiring new employees.

4. Public Works 41000

County Administrator Terrell Partain explained the FY 27 increase is due to purchase of a vehicle.

5. Highway and Streets 42000

Public Works Director Jason Spencer explained the FY 27 increase in salaries due to longevity and COLA no increase in employees. The funds for vehicle replacements will come out of SLOST V.

6. Probate Court 24500

County Administrator Terrell Partain explained the Probate Judge FY 27 budget includes additional salary for an Associate Probate Judge position to help with cases in her absence. This position will be filled by an existing staff member.

7. Senior Center 55200

County Administrator Terrell Partain explained the increase in the FY 27 Senior Center budget is due to the current way of purchasing meals.

8. Risk Management

County Administrator Terrell Partain explained the FY 27 budget increased due to the increase in insurance.

9. Maintenance Shop

County Administrator Terrell Partain explained the FY 27 budget decreased due to the retirement of previous Superintendent.

10. DFACS

County Administrator Terrell Partin explained the FY 27 increase is due to increase in childcare.

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk



Public Works Department Performance Report –August 2026

Department Mission: *To provide excellent service to our residents and businesses by:*

- *responding to the needs and concerns of rapid growth and development*
- *effectively maintaining our street and drainage systems*
- *providing safe and well maintained community facilities and parks for the enjoyment and use of all residents and visitors*
- *participation and support of community wide events*
- *In short, we strive to provide the highest quality of public works services to our community.*

Significant Activities Last Month:

- Liberty Hill Rd speed study submitted for engineering review
- Workorder software implementation ongoing
- Orchard Rd paving completed
- Joint LTAP Flager Training with City of Hartwell rescheduled Oct 6th
- Auction off remainder of approved surplus equipment on GovDeals
- Liberty Hill Rd speed study submitted for GDOT approval
- New vehicle lifts to be installed at Fleet Maintenance
- Ball Field 4 renovations started

Planned Activities This Month:

- Continue to work on policy and procedures
- Bring all speed limit signs listed on radar permit list up to MUTCD standards
- Workorder software departmental training ongoing

Commissioner Requests:

- **Joey Dorsey-**
 - Requested Waste Management Rep attend Commission Meeting to discuss transfer station contract. 08/11/2026 BOC Meeting
 - Scheduling
 - Requested to look into county funded CDL training for employees with contract 08/11/2026 BOC Meeting
 - Under review
- **Michael Bennett-**
 - Requested to amend Rec Dept Supervisor job description to include computer skills 08/11/2026 BOC Meeting
 - Amended & posted internally 08/12/2026
- **Frankie Teasley-**

- Investigate traffic impacts on new lumber company on Old 29 Hwy once in operation 08/11/2026 BOC Meeting
 - Will review
- **Marshall Sayer-**
 - Review ADA recommendation from Hart County Board of Elections at Cade St voting location 06/29/2026
 - Under review
- **Jeff Brown-**
 - Look into road maintenance man hour estimates and I.G.A for City of Bowersville and City of Canon 07/28/2026
 - Only 2hrs of work with 2 tractors for Bowersville, hasn't been cut in 2 years due to request from Commissioner Dorsey
 - and 1hr of grading for Canon
 - What was the cause for the revenue dip in July's Report 08/11/2026 BOC Meeting
 - Nothing out of the ordinary other than stopping commercial deliveries due to trailer shortages.

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Work Order #	WO Status	Origin	Priority	Work Type	Work Category	Site	Source Asset	Source Location	Assigned To	Originated	Expected	Completed	Cost \$	Hour(s)
Work requested														
Action Taken														
Comments														
WO323	Closed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Reactive Maintenance	Streets	Roads			Frankie Teasley	08/17/2026		08/18/2026	0.00	0.00
Dead tree was cut down few months ago per work order request, hasn't been cleaned up yet.														
remove pine from R.O.W and haul off.														
WO290	Closed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Preventive Maintenance	Streets	Roads			Joey Dorsey	08/13/2026		08/17/2026	0.00	0.00
removed over hanging limbs and dead tree														
Cut low limbs. Cut down dead tree.														
remove overhanging trees before the bridge, remove dead tree at the bridge, and remove limbs on side of roadway (trees have orange surveying tape on them)														
WO289	Closed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Preventive Maintenance	Streets	Roads			Joey Dorsey	08/13/2026		08/17/2026	0.00	0.00
remove over hanging limbs														
Cut limbs back out in front of signs.														
remove overhanging limbs that are blocking signs														
0000000288	New Work Order	Non-PM	Routine 7-14 Days		Streets				Joey Dorsey	08/13/2026			0.00	0.00
remove limbs hanging in roadway														
remove overhanging tree at bridge, removed limbs on side of road at the bridge, and remove dead overhanging tree pass the bridge (trees have orange surveying tape on them)														
WO287	Closed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Preventive Maintenance	Streets	Roads			Joey Dorsey	08/13/2026		08/17/2026	0.00	0.00
removed dead tree on side of the road														
Cut dead tree down.														
remove dead tree on side of road with orange surveying tape around it														
WO285	New Work Order	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Improvements	Signage	Roads			Frankie Teasley	08/13/2026			0.00	0.00
Install 2 signs stacked "Dead End" & " No Lake Access"														

Work Order Summary w/ Details

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Work requested														
Action Taken														
Comments														

locate has been done - 8/21/2026 locate # 260818-005660

WO284	Closed	Non-PM	Emergency 24 hrs	Reactive Maintenanc e	Signage	Roads			Joey Dorsey	08/13/2026		08/13/2026	0.00	0.00
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repair stop sign

Straightened sign up packed dirt and rock around it.

stop sign has been hit and pole is bent

WO231	Completed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days		Parks & Rec	Parks & Rec			Joey Dorsey	08/10/2026		08/14/2026	0.00	0.00
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Grass removal

Joey Dorsey requested this to be done on 8/10/26 at 3:28 pm via phone. Spray grass on infields to kill grass. Drag fields to remove grass on infield.

WO209	Closed	Non-PM	Routine 7-14 Days	Improveme nts	Streets	Roads			Marshall Sayer	08/07/2026		08/06/2026	0.00	0.00
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cutting ROW

Already been cut on previous work order

Marshall recd call in reference to visibility issues because ROW needing to be trimmed

WO182	Closed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Reactive Maintenanc e	Streets	Roads			Marshall Sayer	08/05/2026		08/11/2026	0.00	0.00
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Cold patch keeps coming up

Fixed potholes

WO146	Closed	Non-PM	CSR 3-7 Days	Reactive Maintenanc e	Streets	Roads			Darren Pierce	08/03/2026	08/03/2026	08/04/2026	0.00	0.00
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removed debris of tree that fell

No action taken private drive.

remove tree debris from side of road

Work Order Summary w/ Details

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Work Order #	WO Status	Origin	Priority	Work Type	Work Category	Site	Source Asset	Source Location	Assigned To	Originated	Expected	Completed	Cost \$	Hour(s)
Work requested														
Action Taken														
Comments														
Records Selected: 11													Total Cost \$	Total Hrs
													0.00	0.00

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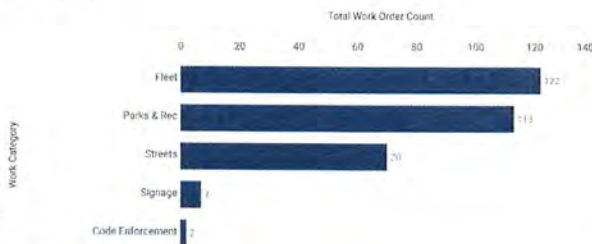
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CATEGORY TOTALS



WORK ORDERS BY CATEGORY AND PRIORITY TYPE

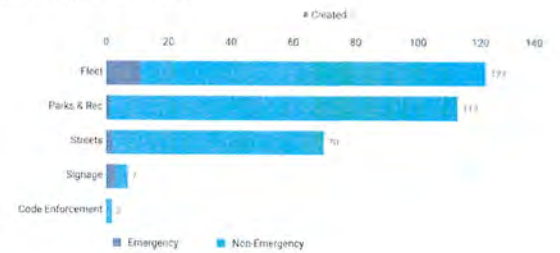


Chart only displays data where Work Category is not missing

WORK ORDER AND CATEGORY DETAILS

Work Category	Q	Work Category	Q	Cause	Q	Estimated Start Date	Q	Actual Completion Date	Q	Status	Q	Age of Work Order	Total Work Order Hours
Totals												1	0.00
WO316		Streets	-			8/17/2026		08/17/2026		Closed		0	0.00
WO162		Fleet	-			8/4/2026		08/10/2026		Closed		6	0.00
WO461		Fleet	-			8/28/2026		08/31/2026		Closed		3	0.00
WO139		Parks & Rec	-			8/3/2026		08/04/2026		Closed		1	0.00
WO140		Parks & Rec	-			8/3/2026		08/04/2026		Closed		1	0.00
WO148		Fleet	-			8/3/2026		08/04/2026		Closed		1	0.00
WO159		Parks & Rec	-			8/4/2026		08/04/2026		Closed		0	0.00
WO163		Parks & Rec	-			8/4/2026		08/05/2026		Closed		5	0.00
WO176		Parks & Rec	-			8/5/2026		08/06/2026		Closed		1	0.00
WO175		Parks & Rec	-			8/5/2026		08/06/2026		Closed		1	0.00
WO200		Fleet	-			8/6/2026		08/07/2026		Closed		1	0.00
WO204		Parks & Rec	-			8/7/2026		08/07/2026		Closed		0	0.00
WO205		Parks & Rec	-			8/7/2026		08/07/2026		Closed		0	0.00
WO206		Parks & Rec	-			8/7/2026		08/07/2026		Closed		0	0.00
WO216		Fleet	-			8/7/2026		08/07/2026		Closed		0	0.00
WO218		Parks & Rec	-			8/10/2026		08/10/2026		Closed		0	0.00

WORK CATEGORY COMPLETION RESULTS

Work Category	Q	Year Completed	Q	# Created	# Completed	Total Work Order Hours	Cost	Avg Days to Complete	# Reactive Completed	% TM Comp Week	# PM Completed	% PM Comp Month
Totals				314	314	0.00	\$119.32	1	209	98%	105	100%
Code Enforcement		2026	2	2	2	0.00	\$0.00	2	2	100%	0	
Fleet		2026	122	122	122	0.00	\$119.32	2	122	98%	0	
Parks & Rec		2026	113	113	113	0.00	\$0.00	1	4	100%	105	100%
Signage		2026	7	7	7	0.00	\$0.00	3	7	86%	0	
Streets		2026	70	70	70	0.00	\$0.00	2	70	99%	0	

Chart only includes completed work orders for the top 10 Work Categories so totals may not match above charts



Maintenance Department Performance Report – August 2026

Department Mission: To maintain the county's fleet to the highest standards of safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to support the employees who serve our community every day.

Significant Activities This Month:

- Our new lifts have been installed and are working great. We truly appreciate Jason, Terrell and our Commissioners for making this happen.
- Road departments new Kubota tractor has officially been put into service. The shop added strobe lights and widened the tires.
- Maintenance Shop went on 10 service calls.

Planned Activities Next Month

- Continue learning the new work order system and ensure all inventory has been counted and updated before the end of the fiscal year.



Recreation Department Performance Report –August 2026

Department Mission: *The Hart County recreation and Parks Department is dedicated to providing a quality park system with leisure activities for all residents of the County by having a range of safe, clean, and accessible parks and recreation facilities, while assisting in in the planning and development of new facilities and programs to meet the needs and continued growth of the County. (Created: 2012)*

Significant Activities Last Month:

- Water leak repaired under Clay Street
- Continued mowing at parks
- Repaired swing at the Where We Play Playground
- Painted lines for football practice fields (7 fields) 2 times
- Repaired water main leak at SRC
- Sprayed and removed grass on infield at CSP fields
- Replaced SRC entrance sign
- Replaced concrete ring around septic tank clean out spout
- Removed rocks from drain pipe at SRC batting cages
- Hosted fishing tournaments at Gum Branch Tournament Fishing Facility

Planned Activities This Month:

- Mow grass at all parks and fields as needed
- Wash out park bathrooms weekly as needed
- Begin work on SRC ballfield repair/renovation
- Paint football field lines as needed

Performance Measures	Unit	Freq	Target	This Period	Last Period	Notes
Trash collected at LP Park (Bags)		Monthly		112	178	



Solid Waste Department Performance Report – August 2026

Department Mission: *To provide excellent service to our residents and businesses by:*

- *responding to the needs and concerns of rapid growth and development*
- *providing safe and well maintained convenient centers for the use of all residents and visitor*
- *In short, we strive to provide the highest quality of Solid Waste services to our community.*

Significant Activities Last Month:

- New Transfer Building Construction
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Planned Activities This Month:

- New Transfer Building Construction
- Tub-Grinder for mulch pile

Performance Measures	Unit	Freq	Target	This Period	Last Period
<u>Transfer Station:</u>					
Municipal Solid Waste	Tons	MTD		2,883.16	3,020.21
Construction Demolition	Tons	MTD		2,830.79	2,779.50
County Resident S/W	Tons	MTD		12.33	81.42
County Resident Y/W	Tons	MTD		198.19	154.28
Non-Resident S/W	Tons	MTD		23.31	32.92
Non-Resident Y/W	Tons	MTD		2.10	2.60
Dead Animals Collected	#	Month		5	12
<u>Convenience Centers:</u>					
Trash collected Convenience Centers	Tons	MTD	+1%	83.91	115.33
<u>Revenue Collected</u>					
Recycling CB	\$	MTD		\$3,451	\$2,096
Trash Bag	\$	MTD		\$17,596	\$24,745
Recycling Met	\$	MTD		\$2,190	\$4,842.5
Total	\$	MTD		\$184,175.90	\$183,947.90

FY 2026 Budget Financial Dashboard

FY 2026 Budget Financial Dashboard									
FY 2026 Budget Financial Dashboard	May	June	July	August	YTD	TARGET	GAP to TARGET	% GAP to	
Revenues	\$1,655,027	\$1,655,027	\$1,655,027	\$1,655,027					
Expenditures	\$1,655,027	\$1,655,027	\$1,655,027	\$1,655,027					
Actual Revenue	\$1,283,913	\$1,014,399	\$1,082,482	\$1,131,149	\$19,152,985	\$18,205,302	\$947,683	5%	
Actual Expenses	\$1,341,613	\$1,924,776	\$1,721,491	\$2,020,644	\$18,267,026	\$18,205,302	\$61,724	0%	
Monthly Variance	-\$57,700	-\$910,377	-\$639,009	-\$889,495	\$885,959		\$885,959		
YTD (Reserve Drawdown)	\$3,324,840	\$2,414,463	\$1,775,454	\$885,959					
Real Property (Target \$654K)	\$123,228	\$85,943	\$24,572	\$32,346	\$7,305,251	\$6,413,000	\$892,251		
LOST (Target \$358K)	\$367,753	\$364,374	\$382,063	\$381,285	\$3,984,509	\$3,773,000	\$211,509		
EMS Fees (Target \$104)	\$105,132	\$101,961	\$111,135	\$114,576	\$1,252,320	\$1,053,800	\$198,520		
Vehicle Title Fee (Target \$141K)	\$165,834	\$164,152	\$165,225	\$205,704	\$1,869,101	\$1,551,000	\$318,101		

LEGEND

Meets or Exceeds Target
Variance < 3% or Target
Variance > 3% of Target

LEGEND

Meets or Exceeds Target
Variance < 3% or Target
Variance > 3% of Target



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
September 4, 2026

RE: Item 12 A Amendment to Chapter 6 Article I (kratom) (2nd reading)

This will be handled by the County Attorney



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
September 4, 2026

RE: Item 12 B Amendment to Chapter 82 Article III (Speed Zones) (3rd and final reading)

The Ordinance revision is attached.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 82-61 OF THE HART COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY SPEED LIMIT SCHEDULE SEPARATE FROM THE STATE-APPROVED LIST OF ROADWAYS FOR SPEED-DETECTION-DEVICE ENFORCEMENT; TO CREATE SECTION 82-62 GOVERNING THE STATE SPEED-DETECTION PERMIT PROCESS; TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBMITTALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-183 authorizes the governing authority of a county, based upon an engineering and traffic investigation, to determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum vehicle speed on a highway or part of a highway under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, an altered speed limit established under O.C.G.A. § 40-6-183 becomes effective when appropriate signs giving notice of the altered limit are erected;

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 40-14-3 and the rules of the Georgia Department of Public Safety separately govern the use of radar, LIDAR, and other speed-detection devices and require state approval of the roadways and speed limits included in a speed-detection-device permit;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to clarify that the County's exercise of its local speed-limit authority and the State's approval of the List of Roadways for speed-detection enforcement are related but separate governmental actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hart County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority thereof, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 82-61 repealed and replaced.

Section 82-61 of the Hart County Code of Ordinances is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 82-61. - County-established speed limits.

(a) Authority and purpose. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-6-183, the Board of Commissioners may determine and declare reasonable and safe maximum speed limits on roads or portions of roads under Hart County jurisdiction. This section establishes the procedure and official record for County-adopted speed limits independently of the state speed-detection-device permit process.

(b) Engineering and traffic investigation. An altered speed limit shall be supported by an engineering and traffic investigation appropriate to the roadway. The investigation may include operating speeds, traffic volumes, roadway geometry, sight distance, roadside development, driveways and access points, pedestrian activity, crash history, special hazards, and other conditions relevant to a reasonable and safe maximum speed.

(c) Board approval. The Board may establish or amend a speed zone by resolution or ordinance entered in the official minutes. The approving action shall identify, at a minimum: (1) the road name; (2) the beginning and ending limits; (3) the maximum speed; (4) the applicable direction or directions; (5) the date of adoption; and (6) the engineering and traffic investigation upon which the action is based.

(d) Hart County Speed Limit Schedule. The County Clerk and Public Works Department shall maintain an official public record entitled the 'Hart County Speed Limit Schedule.' The schedule shall contain every altered speed limit adopted under this section. The schedule may be amended by subsequent Board action without requiring the full text of this section to be amended each time.

(e) Effectiveness and signs. A speed limit adopted under this section shall become effective when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice of the limit are erected in accordance with applicable law and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Public Works shall document the installation date and sign locations in the County's records.

(f) Administration. The Public Works Director, or designee, is authorized to conduct or obtain engineering and traffic investigations; present recommendations to the Board; maintain the County Speed Limit Schedule; install and maintain traffic-control signs following Board approval; submit permit applications and supporting

documents; and coordinate with the County Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff's Office, Georgia Department of Transportation, and Georgia Department of Public Safety.

(g) Limitation on administrative changes. County staff may make non-substantive administrative, clerical, mapping, or endpoint-description corrections necessary to match an adopted study map or state application system. A material change to an adopted speed, direction, or roadway limits requires further Board approval.

(h) Roads not listed. A road or portion of a road not listed in the Hart County Speed Limit Schedule remains subject to the maximum speed limits established by applicable state law and any other valid traffic regulation.

SECTION 2. New Section 82-62 created.

A new Section 82-62 is created in the Hart County Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

Sec. 82-62. - Speed-detection-device permit and state List of Roadways.

(a) Separate purpose. The List of Roadways approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation and incorporated into a Speed Detection Device Permit issued by the Georgia Department of Public Safety identifies the roads and road segments upon which the applicable law-enforcement agency may use speed-detection devices, subject to state law.

(b) Separate records. The Hart County Speed Limit Schedule maintained under Section 82-61 and the state-approved List of Roadways are separate records serving separate legal and administrative purposes. Omission of a County-adopted speed zone from the state List of Roadways does not, by itself, repeal or invalidate the County-adopted speed limit.

(c) Use of speed-detection devices. Nothing in this article authorizes radar, LIDAR, or another speed-detection device to be used except as allowed by O.C.G.A. Title 40, Chapter 14, applicable Georgia Department of Public Safety rules, and the permit or pending-application authority applicable to the enforcing agency.

(d) State application. After the Board adopts a speed-zone change, the Public Works Director and Sheriff are authorized to submit or assist in submitting the change through the Georgia Permit Application System or any successor process, including the adopted date, investigation, speed data, crash information, map, justification, List of Roadways signature attachment, and other required materials.

(e) State approval record. Upon state approval, the Public Works Department and Sheriff's Office shall retain the approved List of Roadways or permit amendment with the County Speed Limit Schedule. State approval shall be recorded as an enforcement-permit status and shall not replace the County's underlying adoption record.

SECTION 3. Conflict and repeal.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict. Existing state-approved List of Roadways records remain in effect for speed-detection purposes unless amended through the applicable state process.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. Use of speed-detection devices shall remain subject to applicable state law and permit requirements.

FIRST READ at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hart County, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

SECOND READ, ADOPTED, AND ORDAINED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hart County, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA

ATTEST:

Chairman

Date: _____

County Clerk

Date: _____

(SEAL)

COUNTY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Hart County, Georgia, certify that the foregoing Ordinance was properly introduced, read, and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Hart County, Georgia, and that the following is a true and correct record of the vote:

Voting in favor:

Voting against:

Abstaining:

Absent:

This _____ day of _____, 2026.

County Clerk

LEGAL REVIEW NOTE: *This draft is intended as a working form. The County Attorney should confirm the required adoption procedure, codification format, and relationship to the current text of Section 82-61.*



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
September 4, 2026

RE: Item 12 C JDA Board Appointment

With the resignation of Mr. Roy Crocker from the board, his term expires December 31, 2026. We need to appoint a replacement to fill this vacancy. We have advertised this opening as required. We have received an application (attached) from Mr. Dwayne Dye; this is the sole application received.

The decision to be made is if the appointment is to finish the term or to finish this term and include an appointment for the next term running from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2030.



APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT BY
HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Board or authority on which you would like to serve. (A separate application must be completed for each position). J.D.A. of Franklin, Hart, & Stephens Counties
2. Why do you want to serve on this board or authority? My previous experience may be helpful to our community & region
3. Name: Dwayne Dye
First Last
4. Residence Address: 6045 Elberton Hwy
5. How long have you lived in Hart County? 44 1/2 years
6. Email Address: Aeratus3393@gmail.com
7. Occupation: Retired
8. What professional or community experience do you have related to this position?
Former economic development professional
9. What appointed, elected or paid positions do you hold or have you held with Hart County? Director of Economic Development - Hart IBA
- 10: What would be your biggest contribution if appointed to this position?
Strategic Long-term Planner with Vested interest in success of Hart & surrounding Counties
11. Other comments or information: _____

Dwayne Dye
Signature

August 3, 2026
Date



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
September 4, 2026

RE: Item 12 D Ridge Road fire Hydrants

Commissioner Dorsey requested this for discussion.



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
September 4, 2026

RE: Item 12 E Use of Courthouse grounds for Scarecrow event

Attached is an email from Hartwell Mainstreet requesting use of the courthouse grounds for the annual scarecrow event.

Terrell Partain

From: Nancy Hardigree <nancyhardigree@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 2:51 PM
To: Marshall Sayer; Terrell Partain
Subject: Scarecrow time
Attachments: IMG_9756.heic; Untitled attachment 00214.txt

I'm contacting you on behalf of Hartwell Main Street. Our scarecrows are scheduled to go up the end of September and will be up through the month of October. I think it's customary to get your permission for the event. We are considering having a photo op sign similar to the one used at PreFourth and I've enclosed a photo. Would this be approved to leave up on the courthouse property for October?

The crows would required to be in the same locations as previous years and shouldn't interfere with Courthouse business. Please reach out for more information. Thank you for all you do for our county. Nancy Hardigree.