



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday April 24, 2018  
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)
  - 4/10/18 Regular Meeting
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) FY 17 Audit
13. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Road Department Request for experience
  - b) Mega Ramp Parking Discussion
  - c) Sacred Heart Catholic Church use of Ball Fields
  - d) DFACS Memorial Discussion
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel
16. ADJOURNMENT

Hart County Board of Commissioners

April 10, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met April 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Joey Dorsey presided with Commissioners R C Oglesby, Frankie Teasley, Marshall Sayer and Ricky Carter in attendance.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Sayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Chairman Dorsey called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Dorsey welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 3/27/18 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018 regular meeting as amended. 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

County Attorney Walter Gordon reported on the results of the recent delinquent tax sale; funds that will be distributed to the county will not include excess funds that were derived from the sale but will be returned to the previous owner.

9. County Administrator's Report

Transfer Station Yearly Maintenance Scheduled Closing Dates

Career Coach Dates

National Telecommunication Month

National Safe Digging Month

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported the Solid Waste Transfer Station will close April 19 @ 12:30 p.m. and reopen April 21, 2018; Career Coach will be at the Adult Learning Center April 12 10:00 – 2:00; April is designated as National Telecommunication Month and National Safe Digging Month; and received a notice from GDOT in regards to putting bid out for the intersection of Zion Church Road & Highway 29.

10. Chairman’s Report  
March Financial Report

Chairman Dorsey reported decline in revenues received is due to property taxes that were paid by the due date; expenses are below budget for the month of March, which is six months into the fiscal year; received a letter from GDOT for the results of a meeting last year involving several roads/intersections in the county; Comprehensive Plan has been approved; 4H Awards Banquet scheduled April 23; and individuals can sign up via the county website to receive Code Red weather related updates.

11. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Carter inquired about a road meeting. Chairman Dorsey responded roads have been selected for the upcoming season; other road issues should be discussed during the budget process.

12. Old Business  
a) Annual ACCG Meeting Discussion

Commissioner Sayer moved to accept the proposed changes to the ACCG By-laws which will be voted on during the ACCG Annual Conference April 28, 2018. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Legacy Link Contract Amendment

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve Legacy Link Contract Amendment for the remainder of FY18. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) CDBG-EIP Lake Foods Addendum of Amendment

Commissioner Carter moved to approve CDBG-EIP Lake Foods Addendum. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Housing Shortage Discussion

Michelle Wetherbee representing the Housing Task Force provided information on the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing program, which the City & County could consider to meet the housing shortage; local industries are recognizing housing shortages for current or future employees that express a desire to live within the county; and there are grants available to assist with funding housing programs.

Chairman Dorsey stated housing shortage is a private sector issue; local builders are booked up for months; there are an abundance of lots available for building sites; and county government doesn’t need to get involved as the issue applies to the city more than the county.

Commissioner Carter reported Liberty County is involved in the program; the Chamber, Industries, Economic Development have expressed housing needs; 80% of Lake Foods employees do not live in Hart County; the housing shortage is a city and county issue; and the county needs to prepare for growth.

Chairman Dorsey moved the county not get involved with a joint city/county program. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-2 (Commissioners Teasley and Carter opposed).

13. New Business

a) Budget Amendment DA Budget (22000)

Commissioner Oglesby moved to fund an additional \$5,000 for the District Attorney's budget contingent upon 4 of 5 county's approval for additional funds from the county's in the circuit. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Recreation Football Program Discussion

Commissioner Sayer moved to accept the Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation to join North Georgia Youth Football Association beginning with the upcoming football season. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Commissioner Oglesby stated the BOC needs to make sure that they're going in the right direction and make sure the Recreation Director is on board. He referred to some statements Recreation Director Jim Owens made prior to the meeting.

Recreation Director Owens responded whatever this board decides, he will back and do to the fullest of his ability 110 percent, whether he agrees with it or not; that is his directive and that is what he will do.

Chairman Dorsey called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

c) AED Purchase for Government Buildings and Facilities

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve funding the purchase of AED's from worker's compensation rebate revenues. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Sheriff's Request for experience (Jail)

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve eight years of credit for David Robertson. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Request to use Long Point for Music Festival

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve use of Long Point for the annual HYDRA Music Festival to be held May 26, 2018. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

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

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Joey Dorsey, Chairman

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Lawana Kahn, County Clerk



## MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
April 19, 2018

Item 13-A

Road Department Request for experience:

We have hired Dustin Carruth at the Road Department. Dustin was employed by the City of Hartwell for over 12 years, with at more than 8 years' experience as a heavy equipment operator. He has his hazardous material removal certification as well as his flagging certification.

I am requesting he be given 6 years credit for his experience as a heavy equipment operator.



## MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
April 19, 2018

Item 13-B

### Mega Ramp Parking Discussion:

At the Mega Ramp we have several handicap parking spaces reserved as well as some short term spaces near the ramp. It has been brought to our attention that since our general population is aging, there are many if not most of the local Bass Clubs members have some mobility limitations that are not to the extent to qualify for a disabled tag or permit.

There has been a recommendation by one of the local clubs to relabel some of the short-term parking to reserve parking for permitted fishermen parking to be used for the persons that have knee, hip or other mobility issue that do not qualify for "Disabled" parking. These permits would be issued through the main office for a nominal fee to cover cost of supplies. This would apply to local resident only and would not affect larger tournaments parking as the local clubs fish mainly through the week on week days and only occasionally on weekends.

This is for your discussion and guidance on whether to proceed, to investigate or move forward,



## MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
April 19, 2018

Item 13-C

Sacred Heart Catholic Church use of Ball Fields:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church has requested to use the football / soccer field for a soccer tournament during the Cinco DeMaio Celebration the Church is having on May 5, 2018.

This was discussed during the Rec. Advisory Meeting and recommended along with waiving of any fees.

The Minutes from the Rec. Advisory Meeting are attached.

**Hart County Recreation Department**  
**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 17, 2018**  
**DRAFT**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Frye, Chairman.

**Present:** Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Cecil Marett, Erin Gaines, Jeff Meitz, and Bill Fogerty.

**Staff Present:** Jim Owens, Recreation Director

**Guest Present:** Marshall Sayer

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Bill Fogerty and a second by Steve Wehunt to approve the minutes of 3/19/18. Vote: 7-0. A motion was made by Jeff Meitz and a second by Cecil Marett to approve the minutes of 3/26/18. Vote: 7-0.

**Invited Guests:** Anna Strickland from ARCHWAY, gave a presentation on the Community Conversation sessions that were held to gain community input on the Long Range Master Plan update. Mrs. Strickland mentioned that the feedback brought to light that the general public does not actually understand what the Recreation and Parks Department does on a day to day basis. Mr. Marett mentioned that the Recreation Department staff is doing a good job taking care of everything we have but it is worn out and according to this survey things need to be replaced. He also mentioned that the largest item on the survey it to add a Recreation Center and renovate the tennis courts. Mr. Robinson asked Mrs. Strickland if we could compare this survey data to the survey data from the previous survey from 2012. She said they were almost verbatim the same thing as last time. The survey also mentioned the need for more recreation department staff. Mr. Marett asked Director Owens what are the current personnel needs. Director Owens said at the moment the department needs at least one more maintenance worker and one program/athletic coordinator. Mrs. Strickland suggested we have a meeting to discuss this information in depth and determine the next steps in the process. The R.A.B. suggested a called meeting on Monday, May 7 at 5:30 pm.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Board Member's Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* GRPA Basketball participation for 2018. Mr. Robinson also mentioned the coach's background check procedure. He wants to develop a background check where "we" can help monitor the coaches and do a better job. Mr. Robinson also asked if there was something in the SPLOST to replace the roof on the Boy Scouts building.

*Steve Wehunt:* None

*Bill Fogerty:* Mr. Fogerty asked about money for scholarships for kids that can't pay to play. Director Owens said there is no line item in the budget for scholarships. Mr. Fogerty also asked about the High School basketball coaches to help get more games for the recreation department teams. Director Owens informed Mr. Fogerty that there is no basketball association as there is for football.

*Erin Gaines:* "When someone says they are all in and they are 100% or 110%, and they don't go out in public and say other things because the perception that comes back is just not good. It has really been weighing hard on me some of the comments that came back."

*Cecil Marett:* None

*Jeff Meitz:* Asked about the use of the football/soccer fields at the Sports and Recreation Complex. Can they be used for another program?

**Director's Report:** Director Owens informed the Board that there will be a meeting on Wednesday April 25 at 10:00 am with regards to the North Georgia Youth Football Association. They will be voting to invite us to join the association. The meeting will also discuss re-alignment of the members with regards to who plays who. Director Owens reported on the ongoing day to day operations in the parks. The baseball fields are being mowed two times a week. The Lake Hartwell Music Festival is on the schedule for Memorial Day weekend. Staff will be preparing the park for this event. Director Owens informed the Board of a playground meeting he will be attending on May 8 that will be given by GRPA, Playcore, and Gametime. Playcore and Gametime are playground equipment companies.



Mr. Meitz asked Director Owens about the future use of the football/soccer fields at the SRC. Director Owens informed the Board that the Catholic Church had asked to use the two fields for an event they will be having on Saturday May 5. They would like to use the fields for a soccer event. Director Owens said we would have to install the soccer netting on the existing football goals and layout and paint the fields for this event. A motion was made by Cecil Marett to recommend allowing the Catholic Church to use the fields for their event on May 5, 2018, and to as a show of good faith recommended to waive the fee for this one-time event. A second was given by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 7-0.

**Old Business:** Director Owens gave a tentative date for the opening of Fall Sports registration. Director Owens also discussed the coaches training sessions for this year. He suggested having multiple sessions to train this year's volunteer coaches trained by the new rules of the NGYFA. These meetings will be mandatory for all coaches.

**New Business:** Mr. Fogerty asked about program numbers for youth basketball and youth football. Director Owens said the participation for 2017 football was 220 players, cheerleading was 47, basketball was 146. The number of games for football was 62 and basketball was 72. Each team played an 8 game season plus a post season tournament.

Mr. Fogerty asked a financial report for the 2017 youth football program. Director Owens gave him a report. Mr. Fogerty said he wants to do something with the numbers for the next meeting. Director Owens asked Mr. Fogerty to copy the rest of the Board member when making a request so they will be in the loop as well. Mr. Marett concurred saying he would also like to know any request before the meeting.

Mr. Robinson asked that the facility use agreement put on the agenda for discussion. Chairman Frye said that everybody who uses the building pays a fee except the Swinging Harts and Lucky Stars do not pay. Mr. Frye said years ago the R.A.B. voted to recommend that everybody pay the fee. Mr. Fogerty said that the BOC said that non-profit groups could use the facility for free. Mr. Fogerty gave a list of organizations that he said used the facilities for free. Mr. Fogerty wanted to know why Little League and the Boy Scouts used county facilities for free. He wanted to know why the Youth Football Program uses the facilities for free. Mr. Frye said he does not have a problem with the way things are. Mr. Frye said he has a problem when a group uses a facility for free and complains and points out everything that's wrong about that facility. Mr. Frye had to leave. Vice Chairman Robinson wanted to ask the Board to look at the agreement to see if there was something that could be done. Mr. Robinson said this agreement has not been updated in forever.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Wehunt and a second given by Mr. Meitz. Vote 6-0:

Minutes by James A. Owens  
Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 15, 2018, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park HYDRA Room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.