

# Hart County Board of Commissioners Tuesday January 28, 2025 6:00 p.m.

# **Emergency Services and Administration Building**

- 1. PRAYER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. CALL TO ORDER
- 4. WELCOME
- 5. APPROVE AGENDA
- APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) 01/14/2025 Regular Minutes
- 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) Fire Department Request to Purchase Used Fire Engine
- b) Fire Department Request to get bids for Single Vehicle Building beside of Fire Administration Office
- c) Board of Assessors Applicant interviews
- d) Board of Assessors Vacant Position Appointment
- e) Bid Award Tennis / Pickleball lights
- f) Road Striping List
- g) Transfer Station Hours of Operation and Scale Closing Policy
- h) SB White Road No Through Trucks Third and Final Reading

#### 13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Acceptance of Carlota Way and Nylah Ln (Subdivision Early Dr.) into County Road System.
- b) Legacy Link Agreement Addendum #1 FY 25
- c) 2025-2026 Employee Health, Dental and Vision Insurance
- 14. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION Litigation Personnel Real Estate Acquisition
- 16. ADJOURNMENT

# Hart County Board of Commissioners January 28, 2024 6:00 p.m.

The Hart County Board of Commissioners met January 28, 2025 at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

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

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Sayer welcomed those in attendance either in person, viewing on HTC or Hart County Board of Commissioners YouTube.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda by adding third and final reading of SB White Road for "No Through Trucks" under 12h; 13c for 2026 Employee Health, Dental and Vision Insurance and under item 15 Real Estate Acquisition. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings(s)

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the January 14, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guest, Committees, Authorities

None

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

None

# 10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer requested everyone to keep the Dennis Bowers and Buddy Crocker families in pray for the passing of their loved one.

# 11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett offered his condolences to the Dennis Bowers and Buddy Crocker families.

Commissioner Bennett gave apologies for critical comments of Courthouse employees he made during the January 14, 2024 meeting. He stressed the Judges, Clerk of Court, Tax Commissioner and all employees go above and beyond their 8:00-5:00 hours to serve the Public. He commended them all for their teamwork.

Commissioner Teasley commended Animal Control Office Cory Payne for the good job he does.

Commissioner Brown asked everyone to keep those suffering from the ill effects of the HPA1 poultry virus in their prayers and thoughts as the virus has a great effect on all poultry producers. Commissioner Brown stated the poultry industry is the number one economic driver in Hart County. He commended CA Partain for his help with Georgia EMA.

Commissioner Dorsey also offered his condolences to the Bowers and Crocker families. He requested a work session to discuss the ongoing problems at the Solid Waste Transfer Station.

#### 12. Old Business

a) Fire Department Request to Purchase a Used Fire Engine

Chairman Sayer moved to purchase a used fire engine from Grove Fire Department, station 18 in Anderson, South Carolina for \$27,500 from SPLOST VI funds. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Fire Department Request to bid for Single Vehicle Building beside the Fire Administration office.

Commissioner Bennett moved to solicit bids for a single vehicle building installation to be located beside the Fire Administration office. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Board of Assessors Applicant Interviews

Gail Smith and Matthew Denton were interviewed.

d) Board of Assessors Vacant Position Appointment

Commissioner Dorsey moved to discuss the applicants during Executive Session. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Bid Award for Tennis / Pickleball lights

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the \$59,000 bid from Musco Lighting LLC. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

# f) Road Striping List

Chairman Sayer moved roads that haven't been striped in the last 5 years be added to the list. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

g) Transfer Station Hours of Operation and Scale Closing Policy

A work session concerning the transfer station was set for February 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

h) SB White Road - No Through Trucks - Third and Final Reading

Commissioner Bennett moved to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading SB White Road to No Through Trucks list. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

# 13. New Business

a) Acceptance of Carlota Way and Nylah Ln )Subdivision Early Dr.) into County Road System

Chairman Sayer moved to accept Carlota Way and Nylah Lane into the county road system, contingent upon our Road Superintendent's approval of all requirements being met with the roads. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Legacy Link Agreement Addendum #1 FY 25

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve Legacy Link agreement addendum #1 FY 2025. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) 2025-2026 Employee Health, Dental and Vision Insurance

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept Blue Cross/Blue Shield Anthem quote for 2025-2026 employee health, dental and vision insurance renewal proposal. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

## 14. Public Comment

Jason Medlin, Solid Waste Transfer Station employee, addressed the board concerning problems and issues at the Transfer Station.

Sandra Smith spoke on the problem with owners allowing their dogs to run loose and with stray dogs in her neighborhood

15. Executive Session - Litigation - Personnel - Real Estate Acquisition

Commissioner Dorsey entered a motion to exit into Executive Session and allow Magistrate Judge Thomas Jordan to attend to discuss litigation, personnel matters and real estate acquisition. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sayer entered a motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sayer entered a motion to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to approve Magistrate Judge's request to move Magistrate Court Chief Deputy Clerk pay grade to 15. Commissioner Teasley entered a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sayer entered a motion to appoint Gail Smith as a Hart County Property Assessor, with unexpired term to end 12/31/2026. Commissioner Joey Dorsey entered a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Chairman Marshall E. Sayer

Betty Floyd, Associate County Clerk

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Hart County Board of Commissioners

#### RESOLUTION OF THE

#### HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hart County Board of Commissioners as follows:

At the meeting held on the 28th day of January, 2025 the Board of Commissioners entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate acquisition and litigation matters. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Board did vote by a vote of 5 to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- The actions of the Board and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- 2. Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of their knowledge, based upon the advice of the County Attorney, who was present during said closed session, that the subject matter of the meeting was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law, and that the specific relevant exceptions are the subject matters as set forth above.
- 3. The Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed and pursuant to this Resolution shall execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Board, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).
- The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and is set forth below.

## AFFIDAVIT AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Chairman, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- I was the Chairman of a meeting of the Hart County Board of Commissioners held on the 28th day of, January, 2025
- 2. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting which was closed for the purposes of discussing personnel, real estate acquisition and litigations matters as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 and § 50-14-3, was devoted solely to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.
- 3. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

Betty Floyd, Associate County Clerk

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