



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday February 11, 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

Public Hearing on opting out of HB 581
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
01/28/2025 Regular Minutes
02/04/2025 Work Session Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
Terri Partain, Director IBA
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
January Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Road Stripping List
 - b) Solid Waste Fee Schedule
 - c) Little League Recreation use Agreement
 - d) 2023-2024 Paving Bid Opening
 - e) FY 24 Final Budget Amendments
 - f) Approval of advertising for Bid for the Installation of Tennis / Pickleball Court Lights
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Class B Malt Beverage & Wine License (off premises consumption) Bikash Rai DBA Airline Store LLC, 1117 Airline Store Road, Bowersville GA
 - b) Class A Malt Beverage & Wine License (on premises consumption) Scott Barfield, DBA Boat House Grill, LLC, 141 Hartwell Marina Road, Hartwell GA
 - c) Distilled Spirits License- Scott Barfield, DBA Boat House Grill, LLC, 141 Hartwell Marina Road, Hartwell GA
 - d) Mega Ramp
 - e) Sheriff Carroll Request Credit For New Hires Prior Years Experience
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel - Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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The Hart County Board of Commissioners met February 11, 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

Commissioner Brown 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 those in attendance either in person, viewing on HTC or Hart County Board of Commissioners YouTube.

Commissioner Bennett moved to close the open meeting and go into Executive Session for Litigation. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to close Executive session and open the Regular meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the agenda with addition of items 13d) City/County meeting discussion of the Mega ramp and 13e) Sheriff's request for years of service for two employees. Removal of item 12b). Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing on opting out of HB 581

Commissioner Dorsey moved to close the meeting and go into the Public Hearing on opting out of HB 581. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Hart resident Cynthia Richy, 676 Cedar Ridge Road, Hartwell GA. addressed the Board as to why they chose to opt out of HB 581 since a majority of the voters were in support of the House Bill. Commissioner Dorsey and Chairman Sayer explained the Board's reasoning.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve the minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
01/28/2025 Regular Minutes
02/04/2025 Work Session Minutes

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the 1/28/2025 Regular Meeting minutes and the 2/4/2025 Work Session minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guest, Committees, Authorities
Terri Partain, IBA Director

Terri Partain, IBA Director announced Career Day 2025 at the high school on 26 February 2025, with hopes of promoting our workforce, registration required.

Hart County IBA is sponsoring an Industry Roundtable on 25 March 2025 10:00-11:30 at the Agri-science Center to identify and address the needs of existing business and industry, attendance is by invitation only, lunch will be provided.

Ms. Partain spoke of behalf of the UGA/Hart County Archway Partnership which is sponsoring a workforce Data Summitt 25 March 2025 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Agri-science Center lunch will be provided along with a data presentation, attendance by invitation only as well.

8. Reports by Constitutional Officers & Department Heads
None

9. County Administrator's Report
January Financial Report

County Administrator Partain presented the January financial report.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer express the great loss of former District #4, Commissioner Ken Brown and how well he had represented Hart County during his eleven years of service.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett expressed his admiration of former Commissioner Brown as well as the loss to Hart County.

Commissioner Teasley offered his condolences to the family of Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Teasley attended the GMRC in the place of Commissioner Jeff Brown and encouraged the other Commissioners to do the same in the future.

Commissioner Jeff Brown spoke of the legacy his Great-uncle Ken Brown left and how much he would be missed by his family.

Commissioner Dorsey spoke of the honor of having served on the Board with Commissioner Ken Brown. Commissioner Dorsey offered his sympathy to all the family.

12. Old Business

a) Road Striping List

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the priority list for striping both yellow and white lines, rumble bars and stop bars. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4/1. Commissioner Dorsey opposed, stating he felt every road was not being treated fairly.

b) Solid Waste Fee Schedule REMOVED

c) Little League Recreation use Agreement

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the 2025 agreement with Little League. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) 2023-2024 Paving Bid Opening

Commissioner Dorsey moved to give the opened bids to County Administrator Partain for his recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Brown abstained from the openings and voting due to what he thought could be seen as a conflict of interest.

e) FY 24 Final Budget Amendments

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the FY 2024 final budget amendments. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Approval of advertising for Bid for the Installation of Tennis/Pickle Court Lights

Commissioner Dorsey moved to advertise for bids for the installation of tennis/pickle courts lights. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

13. New Business

a) Class B Malt Beverage & Wine License (off premises consumption) Bikash Rai DBA Airline Store LLC, 1117 Airline Store Road, Bowersville GA.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the 2025 License. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Class A Malt Beverage & Wine License (on premises consumption) Scott Barfield, DBA Boad House Grill, LLC, 141 Hartwell Marina Road, Hartwell GA.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the 2025 License. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Distilled Spirits License-Scott Barfield, DBA Boat House Grill, LLC, 141 Hartwell Marina Road, Hartwell, GA.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the 2025 License. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) City/County Mega Ramp Meeting

Commissioner Brown moved to have Chairman Sayer and Vice-Chairman Dorsey represent the County at the City/County Mega Ramp meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Sheriff's Request for New Hires' Years of Experience Credit.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant newly hired Deputy Timothy Lyon 8 years of experience and Detention Officer Richard Brian Certain 8 years of experience retro to the date of hire with the County. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session-Litigation, Personnel, Real Estate

Commissioner Brown moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

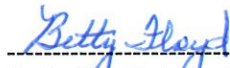
Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve Sheriff's request to hire two additional deputies for road patrol, together with 2 jailers and 2 deputized jailers to adequately staff an increase in the jail population to produce the revenue to pay for the jail payments. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey entered a motion to extend a contract offer of employment to County Administrator Partain. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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



Marshall Sayer, Chairman



Betty Floyd, Associate County Clerk

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 11th day of February, 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 0 to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. 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).
4. 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:

1. I was the Chairman of a meeting of the Hart County Board of Commissioners held on the 11th day of February, 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.

This 11th day of February, 2025.


 Marshall E. Sayer, Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 11th day of February 2025



 Notary Public, Hart County, Georgia

My commission expires: 6/7/27

Commissioners voting on the Resolution:

FOR






AGAINST

Absent from the meeting:


 Betty Floyd, Associate County Clerk

