



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday May 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 5/11/2021 Reg 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) Amendment to Chapter 46 Land Development Standards Article V. – Requirements for Streets and Other Rights-of-Way
 - b) Animal Control Ordinance Amendment (2nd Reading)
 - c) Tax Assessor Board Appointment
 - d) Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board Appointments
 - e) Bid Opening for Jail RFP
 - f) Bid Opening for Football Uniforms
 - g) Bid Opening for Cheerleader Uniforms
 - h) Health Insurance FY 22
 - i) Intersection Rumble Strips
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Human Services, Department of Family & Services Lease Agreement Renewal FY22
 - b) Permission to Solicit Bids for Fire Department Building
 - c) Sheriff's request for extra Jail Detention Officers
 - d) C56A 175 California Girls, Inc. Subdivision (Old Beacon light Rd.)
 - e) Maintenance Shop request for credit for experience
 - f) Request to bid replacement ambulance for EMS
 - g) Liberty Hill Subdivision
 - h) Sheriff's request credit for experience
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Frankie Teasley, Michael Bennett, Ricky Carter and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

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.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Dorsey moved to amend and approve the agenda to include items 13 g) Liberty Hill Subdivision; h) Sheriff Request credit for experience; and 15) Litigation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 5/11/2021 Reg Meeting

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

- Rhea Dignam

Ms. Dignam encouraged the BOC to write a letter to the Corps of Engineers concerning their Master Plan that indicated Hart County's projected population to decrease. However, due to COVID-19 there has been a shift of migrants from metro areas to Hart County which indicate growth in the county.

Commissioner Carter moved to draft a letter to the Corp of Engineers. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Departments Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain recognized the previous week designated for National EMS Week and next week designated for Law Enforcement.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer attended the Gold Star/Blue Star Memorial May 15, 2021 and commended United Garden Club for their service.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Teasley commended EMS, Law Enforcement, Public Safety and other county employees for their service; he offered condolences to Rodney Ashworth's family.

Commissioner Carter received complaints concerning trees over county roads (Mt. Olivet and Mouchet Roads); announced the Memorial Day Service Event scheduled May 31, 2021 at 11:00 on the courthouse lawn; and grants available through Georgia Outdoor Sports.

Commissioner Dorsey offered condolences to the Ashworth family; a volunteer fire fighter lost his home due to a fire; recommended anyone to watch the video produced in Hart County for National EMS week; and the Open Records/Open Meetings training session had a very low turnout.

12. Old Business

- a) Amendment to Chapter 46 Land Development Standards Article V. – Requirements for Streets and Other Rights-of-Way

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the 1st Reading of Amendment to Chapter 46 Land Development Standards Article V. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Animal Control Ordinance Amendment (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the 2nd Reading of Animal Control Ordinance Amendment. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Donna Madkiff reported she recently met with Sheriff Cleveland and unless cats are included in the amendment Officer Durance will not pick up cats.

Pam McGovern, representing Hart County Humane Society, presented a proposal for consideration to the Animal Control Ordinance.

Savannah Deacon, resident of Harbor Light Subdivision, commented on the number of cats in her neighborhood that she has taken to the shelter.

Michele Wetherbee requested the Board to consider changing all paragraphs in the ordinance referring to Dog Control Officer be changed to Animal Control Officer.

Chairman Sayer called for the vote. The motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Carter opposed).

- c) Tax Assessor Board Appointment

Commissioner Carter moved to appoint Elaine Evans to serve the remaining term on the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (Term expires 12/31/2023).

- d) Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board Appointments

Commissioner Dorsey moved to re-appoint William (Bill) Chafin to serve on GA. Mtns. Regional Commission. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (Term expires 6/30/2022).

Commissioner Dorsey moved to table the remaining board appointment. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Bid Opening for Jail RFP

Bids were opened from R W Allen Construction, Allstate Construction, Balfour Beatty, Barnsley Construction Group and Charles Black Construction Co. Inc.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to defer the bids to County Administrator Partain, Sheriff Cleveland and Jail Administrator Cleveland for review and recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Bid Opening for Football Uniforms

Commissioner Dorsey moved to defer the bids to County Administrator Partain and Recreation Director Owens for review and recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

g) Bid Opening for Cheerleading Uniforms

Commissioner Teasley moved to defer the bids to County Administrator Partain and Recreation Director Owens for review and recommendation. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

h) Health Insurance FY 22

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the health insurance renewal rate of 3% from Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

i) Intersection Rumble Strips

No action was taken.

13. New Business

a) Human Services, Department of Family Services Lease Agreement Renewal FY22

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the lease agreement for FY22. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Permission to Solicit Bids for Fire Department Building

Chairman Sayer moved to solicit bids for an 80x100x16 metal building. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Sheriff's Request for extra Jail Detention Officers

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve two additional full-time jail detention officers from current fund balance and include cost in FY22 budget. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

d) C56A 175 California Girls, Inc. Subdivision (Old Beacon Light Rd.)

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the subdivision request. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Maintenance Shop request for credit for experience

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant new hire employee Josh Milford eight years credit for experience. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Request to bid replacement ambulance for EMS

Commissioner Dorsey moved to bid out a replacement ambulance for EMS. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

g) Liberty Hill Subdivision

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the subdivision request. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

h) Sheriff Department request for experience

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant new hire deputy Samuel Beard eight years credit for experience. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Commissioner Carter moved to allow Mr. Cagle to speak during public comment. The motion died from lack of a second.

15. Executive Session – Litigation

Commissioner Dorsey moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk