



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday October 25, 2022
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)
 - 10/11/2022 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
 - Archway Partnership
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
 - Wayne Patrick, Chief Appraiser Quarterly Update
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Bid Opening Basketball Uniforms Recreation
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Credit for experience Jail
 - b) Service Delivery Strategy Renewal
 - c) Letter of Support for Sheriff's Office Grant Application
 - d) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcels C70C 002, I70F 009, I70J 001- 002 Discussion
 - e) Credit for experience Jail
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey in attendance. Commissioner Michael Bennett was absent due to medical issues.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Brown.

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 12 b) Airport Authority Records Discussion; c) Plat-Ridgewater Village (grandfathered) and item 13 e) Credit for experience Jail. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
- 10/11/2022 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 regular meeting as amended. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

- UGA Archway Update Rosanna Cruz-Bibb PhD

Rosanna Cruz-Bibb gave a brief report of the project overview for 2022 (2022 NEGA Ag Expo; Milltown Campground Reconfiguration; Preserving Harmony Grove Baptist Church Cemetery; SBDC Lunch and Learns and ILA Tourism Product Development. She thanked the BOC for their support.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads
Wayne Patrick, Chief Appraiser Quarterly Update

Chief Appraiser Patrick reported the appeal process is underway; 2023 digest was submitted mid-August; staff is currently qualifying sales; permits are being reviewed; estimated 215 CUV letters; sales information should start showing on QPublic; and the office is fully staffed.

Commissioner Dorsey inquired about 3,500 properties remaining to be reviewed from last year. Chief Appraiser Patrick responded they will be picked up in the next review.

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain report a draft of the Comprehensive Plan is on the county website; Long Point will close at the end of the month; Payne's Creek Campground will close at the end of the month; one individual has been hired for the Transfer Station; Road and Maintenance Shop employees will be filling in at the Transfer Station.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer announced Open House November 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Haering Manufacturing Plant.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Teasley thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting a Fishing Tournament at Gumbranch.

Commissioner Dorsey reported 2,000 Hart County citizens have participated in early voting.

12. Old Business

a) Bid Opening Basketball Uniforms Recreation

Commissioner Dorsey moved to defer the opened bids to Administrator Partain and Rec Director Owens for review and recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Airport Authority Records Discussion

Commissioner Brown moved to request Representative Alan Powell to seek a GBI Investigation of the Airport Authority's missing records from Franklin County. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Plat-Ridgewater Village (Grandfathered)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the Ridgewater Village plat contingent upon adding the setbacks on the plat. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

13. New Business

a) Credit for experience Jail

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant new hire Detention Officer Kimberly Evans eight years credit for experience. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Service Delivery Strategy Renewal

Commissioner Dorsey moved to file for an extension through June; meet with City officials and Water Authority mid-November. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Letter of Support for Sheriff's Office Grant Application

Chairman Sayer moved to draft a letter of support for the Sheriff's Office Grant Application. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcels C70C, I70F 009, I70J 001-002 Discussion

Chairman Sayer explained how growth is impacting the whole county; short staff EMS; 911; Solid Waste to handle the demand for services; the county does not have all the facts to make a decision on the annexation which would add more demand for services.

Commissioner Dorsey stated the BOC is trying to manage growth; the proposed annexation does not fit the current land use plan; he encouraged everyone to attend the Zoning Board's meeting @ City Hall Thursday afternoon.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to draft a letter to City of Hartwell officials to object the proposed annexation due to increased traffic on nearby county roads, dramatic change in density from the current land use, and the potential for significant impact on other services the County is mandated to provide. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion.

Attorney Dave McDonald representing Kenny Whitworth and Brandt Bentley accused Commissioner Dorsey of attempting to negatively influence public opinion on his client's application for annexation through a social media post.

Kenny Whitworth remarked the proposed project will be phased in over ten years; looking at town homes, multi family and mixed use; and feels the project meets the comprehensive plan.

Kevin Thompson spoke in opposition of the project; added traffic on Parkdale; infrastructure can not support additional growth; lack of law enforcement; EMS response and too many unknowns.

Attorney Gordon explained the County needs to provide a letter to the City of Hartwell before mid-night based on local act.

Commissioner Dorsey amended his motion to provide the letter to the City before mid-night October 25, 2022. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the amended motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) Credit for experience Sheriff

Commissioner Frankie moved to grant eight years credit for experience for Investigator Michael Davis. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Public Comment

Nancy Evans resident of Wren Road commented she will be coming back before the BOC at a later date.

Lonnie Robinson voiced concerns with traffic issues on Liberty Hill Road and how more development would impact the area.

15. Executive Session – Litigation

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Teasley moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk