



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday November 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
10/8/2024 Regular Minutes
10/28/2024 Called Meeting Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
October Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Bid Opening for Basketball Uniforms
 - b) Permission to bid Lighting for Pickleball and Tennis Courts
 - c) **Permission to bid for replacement of Heat and air units Courthouse** (item removed)
 - d) Roads for Paving bids
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Windstream Letter of Support for Application to Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.
 - b) Ballfield light use policy Rec Department. Discussion
 - c) EIP Revolving Loan – CD Controls
 - d) HB541 Mandate First Responder PTSD Insurance Coverage
 - e) Sheriff request for Detention Officer credit for years of service
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION -Litigation
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met November 12, 2024 at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. Prayer

Commissioner Brown opened the meeting with 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.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda to exclude items 12 c; include items 13 c) EIP Revolving Loan CD Controls; 13 d) First Responders PTSD Insurance coverage and 13 e) Sheriff request for Detention Officer credit for years of experience. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(S)
10/8/2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
10/28/2024 Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve October 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve October 28, 2024 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

Hart County Chamber of Commerce Director Amanda Brown invited everyone to the Christmas Tree Lighting Event on the courthouse square November 25, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; encouraged everyone to support local small businesses on Black Friday; and announced the Christmas Parade Event is scheduled to take place on December 8, 2024.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report
October Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented the General Fund Financial Report for the month of October.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer commended everyone that voted in the election; poll workers; James Fulghum for organizing the Veteran's Day Parade Event; and thanked Scott Holmes for driving the BOC members in the Veteran's Day Parade.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett thanked everyone involved with the Veteran's Day Parade; and thanked his supporters for re-electing him to another term of office.

Chairman Sayer offered congratulations to Commissioner Bennett for being re-elected to serve on the BOC.

Commissioner Teasley echoed Chairman Sayer's comments; offered congratulations to Commissioners Bennett, Sayer, and Dorsey; thanked First Responders, county employees and military personnel.

Commissioner Brown offered congratulations to Commissioners Sayer, Bennett, and Dorsey for being re-election; recognized all veterans for their service; and thanked poll workers for their service during the election.

Commissioner Dorsey offered congratulations to Commissioner Bennett; thanked Scott Holmes and James Fulghum for their efforts with the Veteran's Day Parade.

12. Old Business

a) Bid Opening for Basketball Uniforms

Commissioner Brown moved to accept a bid that was received after the official deadline. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Dorsey opposed).

Proceeding with the bid openings from Garretson's, Go Sports, Hayah Inc., Karew Sports and Triangle, Commissioner Teasley moved to defer the bids for review and recommendations to Recreation Director Owens and the Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Permission to bid Lighting for Pickleball and Tennis Courts

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize County Administrator Partain to proceed with the bidding process. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Item was removed from the meeting agenda

d) Roads for Paving Bids

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the following roads for LMIG and SPLOST funding: Scott Mill Dr., Zion CME Rd., Springdale Dr.; Moore Rd., Beaverdam Farm Rd., Walters Rd. Pt 2 & 3 to Griffin Rd., Junction 77 Rd., New Hope Church Rd., Boleman Hill Rd., Dobbs Landing Rd.,

Crawfords Ferry Rd., Mount Olive School Rd., and Sardis Point. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

- a) Windstream Letter of Support for Application to Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize Chairman Sayer to sign a letter of support for Windstream. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Ballfield light use policy Rec Department Discussion

Chairman Sayer explained the Recreation Advisory Board Policy adopted in 2019 needs clarification in reference to the fee schedule for team practices, games, and tournaments at the Elberton Highway facility for the electricity costs to play and practice at night. He suggested charging leagues a tournament fee of \$150.00 per day.

Commissioner Brown noted the set rate is \$50.00; However, team practices for 60-90 minutes should not have to pay more than \$50.00.

Commissioner Dorsey responded that the Rec Advisory Board should review the policy use of the lights at the tennis courts and pickle ball courts.

No official action was taken.

Chris Wilson, Grace Bowman, Kane Richardson have children in recreation ball and travel ball voiced their concerns about the proposed cost associated with the use of ballfield lights.

- c) EIP Revolving Loan CD Controls

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the EIP Revolving Loan to CD Controls. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) First Responders PTSD Insurance coverage

Administrator Partain explained HB541 mandate to cover all public safety employees with PTSD Insurance Coverage effective January 1, 2025 at this time Met Life is offering coverage through ACCG at \$39,537.00.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize Chairman Sayer to sign the insurance policy documents and Administrator Partain to amend the budget to cover the expense. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- e) Sheriff request for Detention Officer credit for years of experience

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve eight years of credit for experience to Detention Officer Daniel New retro to October 1, 2024. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Kevin Thompson, resident of Parkdale Drive, complained about vehicles drag racing on Parkdale Drive and hanging out at the Rec Dept Park on Clay Street.

Alan Duncan, resident of Parkdale Drive, suggested the BOC take action to deter use of the Clay Street Rec Park as a hangout 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 5-0.

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting session. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk