

Hart County Board of Commissioners
February 25, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Joey Dorsey presided with Commissioners Frankie Teasley, Marshall Sayer and Ricky Carter in attendance. Commissioner R C Oglesby was absent.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Sayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Chairman Dorsey called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Dorsey welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 02/11/2020 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

None

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported a meeting is scheduled with GDOT officials February 26, 2020 at 10:30 at their Carnesville location.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dorsey reported Reed Creek General Store filed an appeal for the denial of beer and wine license and a hearing will be scheduled in the near future.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Teasley inquired about changing out shrubbery at the Vietnam Memorial. Rec Director Owens responded the shrubbery will be changed out as soon as the weather permits.

Commissioner Sayer expressed appreciation to the Road Department crews for their efforts to repair roads damaged by flooding.

Administrator Partain reported extra work is being done on Flat Shoals and Deer Run, other than that all the other roads that were temporarily closed are open.

12. Old Business

a) Bid Opening for Netting Replacement at New Recreation Park Baseball Fields

Following bid opening from Bliss Products, Collins Company and Networks, Commissioner Sayer moved to defer the bids to County Administrator Partain and Rec Director Jim Owens for review. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Board Appointments Hart County Water and Sewer Authority (term expires 3/1/2024)

Commissioner Carter moved to re-appoint Wade Carlton and Larry Haley to serve on the Hart County Water & Sewer Authority. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Homestead Exemption Discussion

Chairman Dorsey explained the current homestead exemptions as follows:

L1 \$10,000 off assessed value (65 & older) (2254); S1 \$2,000 off assessed value all homeowners (2824); L3 \$10,000 off assessed value (62 & income less than \$10,000 per year) (1); S5 100% for disabled veterans (up to \$90,364 off assessed value) (80); S8 Income based \$10,000 off assessed value – value is frozen (2); S9 same as L8 but up to 5 acres of land (3).

The Board of Education receives 70% of property tax revenues and has not made a decision on increasing the current exemptions. However, with two plants closing; increase in inmate housing/meals and unfunded state mandates he felt the BOC could commit to an additional \$5,000 homestead exemption; an additional homestead exemption would be a savings of \$31.95 per homeowners that qualify. The next step would be to meet with the Board of Education, present the issue to the State Legislators. If approved by the State Legislators, the issue will be placed on the November ballot. If passed by the voters the exemption would be effective 2022.

Bill Fogerty thanked the BOC for taking the first step as senior population is the biggest demographics in Hart County.

Mike Buckel urged the BOC to consider an additional \$10,000 vs \$5,000 homestead exemption.

No official action was taken.

13. New Business

a) Hart/Franklin Airport Authority Revolving Loan Fund Request

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the Revolving Loan @\$36,000 over 10 years with 3% interest rate for Hart/Franklin Airport Authority. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) 2020 Recreation/Little League Baseball Agreement

c) 2020 Recreation/Barnes Academy Baseball Agreement

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the 2020 Recreation Agreements with Little League and Barnes Academy. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Public Comment

Tom Dancy and Wallace Rolan urged the BOC to oppose HB523. They voiced their concerns that the county will not be able to regulate short term rentals; personal impacts for adjoining property owners and safety issues.

15. Executive Session – litigation – personnel

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

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

16. Adjournment

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

Joey Dorsey, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk