

Hart County Board of Commissioners Tuesday March 22, 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)
 - 03/08/2022 Regular Meeting
 - 03/08/2022 Called Meeting
 - 03/15/2022 Called Meeting
- 7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
- 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) Final Plat Approval Lake Pointe Estates Subdivision, California Girls Land Holdings LLC, Parcel C81D 014

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Tax Refund Request Gregory Daniel Parcel C83A 026 003
- b) Tax Refund Request Gregory Durkin Parcel C26B 028 001
- c) David Staebell Setback Variance Request Parcel Number I56D 012
- d) Resolution in support of HB 1461
- e) Pets on Courthouse Grounds
- f) Request to Order Ambulance Re-mount (FY24 Delivery)
- g) Sheriff's Request 2 part-time positions to Full-time for Jail
- h) Upgrade for County Accounting System
- i) GSP Surplus vehicles
- j) Intersection of Royston Hwy. Golf Course and Industrial Park Road
- k) Replacement Pagers for Fire Department
- I) Four Corners Group Letter of Support (Grant application)
- m) Water & Sewer Authority Letter of Support (Grant application)
- 14. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION Personnel
- 16. ADJOURNMENT

Hart County Board of Commissioners March 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met March 22, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. at Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Bennett.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Called to Order

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order and announced March 22, 2022 called meeting has been cancelled.

4. Welcome

Chairman Sayer welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the meeting agenda to include items 13 I) Four Corners Group – Letter of Support; m) Water & Sewer Authority Letter of Support. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

County Attorney Walter Gordon explained the Board of Commissioners has no legal authority to dismiss Commissioner Carter due to his recent arrest; the issue will be handled the same way former Commissioner Oglesby was; if Commissioner Carter were indicted by the Grand Jury the District Attorney would have the power and authority to forward the indictment to the Governor's office; it will be up to the Governor's office to decide if the crime impairs his ability to be a commissioner or imposes a threat to the county's money/people.

Chairman Sayer stated Commissioner Carter did not take any action to stop the recent assault on Jack Williford; furthermore, his actions are an embarrassment to the whole county; he publicly thanked Aaron Dowell for assisting Mr. Williford; and ask for Commissioner Carter's immediate resignation.

Chairman Sayer moved to not fund Commissioner Carter to attend the ACCG Annual Conference. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioners Teasley and Dorsey agreed with Chairman Sayer to ask for Commissioner Carter's resignation.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to remove Commissioner Carter from GA Mountains Regional Commission. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- 6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - 03/08/2022 Regular Meeting
 - 03/08/2022 Called Meeting
 - 03/15/2022 Called Meeting

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve March 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve March 8, 2022 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve March 15, 2022 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Bennett 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 Wayne Patrick, Chief Appraiser, Quarterly Report

Chief Appraiser Patrick announced April 1, 2022 is the deadline to file a return; file for homestead exemption; appraisal notices will go out early June; there were 1596 transactions during 2021; three groups are performing the rural review; 1475 parcels have been reviewed to date.

9. County Administrator's Report

None

10. Chairman's Report

None

11. Commissioners' Reports

None

- 12. Old Business
 - a) Final Plat Approval Lake Pointe Estates Subdivision, California Girls Land Holdings LLC, Parcel C81D 014

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve Lake Pointe Estates Subdivision with encroachment recorded on the deed. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

- 13. New Business
 - a) Tax Refund Request Gregory Daniel Parcel C83A 026 003

Mr. Daniel expressed his concern for lack of guidance from Brad Goss during his visit to the Appraiser's office to file eligibility for the disabled veteran's exemption; he feels he is eligible for a tax refund for 2021 of \$1,330.56.

Chief Appraiser Patrick explained the appraisal staff is following State of Georgia guidelines; to quality for the veteran's exemption the documents would have to be approved prior to January 1, to qualify for tax year 2021.

Commissioner Bennett moved to grant Mr. Daniel's tax refund request. The motion died from lack of a second.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to deny Mr. Daniel's tax refund request. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Bennett opposed).

b) Tax Refund Request Gregory Durkin Parcel C26B 028 001

Chief Appraiser Patrick explained Mr. Durkin's request was based on taxed for a pool; value wasn't increased due to a pool; in addition, no tax return was submitted to his office.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to deny Mr. Durkin's request for a tax refund for 2019 & 2020. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) David Staebell Setback Variance Request Parcel Number I56D 012

Commissioner Dorsey moved to deny Mr. Staebell request for a variance. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) Resolution in support of HB 1461

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt a Resolution in support of HB 1461. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) Pets on Courthouse Grounds

Chairman Sayer moved to purchase "No Pets Allowed" on courthouse grounds. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-1 (Commissioner Bennett opposed).

f) Request to Order Ambulance Re-mount (FY25 Delivery)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to place an order for an ambulance re-mount. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

g) Sheriff's Request 2 part-time positions to Full-time for Jail

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant (2) additional full-time positions for the Jail. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

h) Upgrade for County Accounting System

Chairman Sayer moved to approve upgrading the county accounting system. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

i) GSP Surplus vehicles

Commissioner Dorsey moved to purchase (4) used vehicles up to \$50,000. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

j) Intersection of Royston Hwy. Golf Course and Industrial Park Road

Commissioner Dorsey moved to meet with DOT representative Jason Dykes to discuss the intersection. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

k) Replacement Pagers for Fire Department

Commissioner Dorsey moved to purchase (30) pagers. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

I) Letter of Support – Four Corners Group (Grant application)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to draft a letter of support, authorize Chairman Sayer to sign the document on behalf of the BOC. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

m) Letter of Support – Water & Sewer Authority (Grant application)

Chairman Sayer moved to draft a letter of support for the Water & Sewer Authority grant application. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Public Comment

County resident Chuck Turner & Paulette Turner asked for Commissioner Carter's resignation immediately.

15. Executive Session – Personnel

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

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

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk
