Hart County Board of Commissioners

March 27, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met March 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Chairman Dorsey.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dorsey called the meeting to order.

1. Welcome

Chairman Dorsey welcomed those in attendance.

1. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
* 3/13/18 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2018 meeting as amended. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

Recognition of Dale VanFossen – retirement

BOC members presented Dale VanFossen with a plaque in recognition of 17 ½ years of service upon his retirement with Hart County Maintenance Shop.

1. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

Wayne Patrick, Chief Appraiser Quarterly Report

County Attorney Walter Gordon reported a delinquent tax sale will take place at 10:00 a.m. April 3, 2018 on the courthouse square; offered his personal thoughts on the passing of former Governor Zell Miller and recognized him for many improvements across the State of Georgia during his tenure.

Chief Appraiser Patrick reported during the review of the lake boat docks were added which increased the digest by $7 million; citations will be issued for failure to display mobile home decals; staff is almost complete with permits, working on land schedules/values; assessment notices are on track to go out by May 15; and encouraged anyone that needed to make a return does so by April 1, 2018.

1. County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported the status on the EMS substations; Fire Station #10 is complete other than equipping; and final paperwork for the Stella Act will be complete by the end of the week.

1. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Dorsey reported approximately 500 children participated in Little League Opening Day event; he attended Med Link Open House event and welcomed Dr. Gordon to the area.

1. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Sayer reported on the status of HB887 which will allow cities and counties to have the final say for cell phone companies constructing new towers on right-of-ways.

Commissioner Carter reminded BOC members of the upcoming Georgia Mtns. Regional Commission meeting scheduled March 29 at the Agriscience Center @ 6:00 p.m.; and inquired about the overcrowding issue at the Hart County Jail. County Administrator Partain responded that he discussed the issue with Sheriff Cleveland and other individuals that determined the county will need professional assistance; the issue will be discussed by the group in May.

1. Old Business
2. Selection of the Engineer and Grant Administrator Hart County 2018 CDBG (HCW&S)

Commissioner Oglesby moved to authorize Chairman Dorsey to sign the certification letter for Allen-Smith Consultants to administer the CDBG grant and Engineering Management Inc. to be the engineering firm for the Hart County Water & Sewer Authority 2018 CDBG application. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Amendment to Botanical Garden Lease

County Attorney Walter Gordon presented the amended 20-year lease on behalf of the Hart County Botanical Garden including an updated survey map, walking trails and approximately eight acres of property.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to authorize Chairman Dorsey to sign the amended lease agreement. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Employee Handbook Amendments (SAP, 3.2(j), 4.3(b)

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the employee handbook amendments as per sections noted above. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. New Business
2. Request for Credit for Experience (Clerk of Court Office)

Commissioner Carter moved to approve two years’ credit for experience for new hire employee Alexa Robertson. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Selection of Voting Delegate for Annual ACCG Meeting

Chairman Dorsey moved to nominate Commissioner Sayer as the delegate to vote on behalf of Hart County at the Annual ACCG April 2018 meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Sayer abstained).

1. Road Striping Discussion

County Administrator Partain suggested the BOC set a budget for road striping and recommended to contract out the project.

No action was taken.

1. Courthouse Grounds Maintenance Discussion

Commissioner Carter expressed his desire to implement a plan to consistently take care of the courthouse grounds. Chairman Dorsey responded the topic needs to be discussed at budget time and consider hiring someone to perform the grounds maintenance.

Commissioner Carter moved to use Charles Rice’s expertise to review the grounds and make recommendations for the courthouse grounds maintenance. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Request use of Courthouse Grounds for pre-fourth Event

Commissioner Oglesby moved to allow the Junior Service League permission to use the courthouse grounds for the annual Pre-4th event scheduled June 23, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Public Comment

None

1. Executive Session – Litigation

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

Commissioner Oglesby moved to amend the motion for Executive Session as nothing was on the table for discussion. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Adjournment

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

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Joey Dorsey, Chairman Lawana Kahn, County Clerk