

Hart County Board of Commissioners
July 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met July 23, 2019 at 6:00 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.

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 Oglesby moved to amend and approve the agenda to include 15) Litigation matters. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 7/9/19 Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the minutes of July 9, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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 the first draft of FY2020 budget has been prepared; the BOC agreed to meet July 30, 2019 to review the 2020 budget; and there will be two openings on the Board of Tax Assessors effective January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Sayer moved to advertise for the Board of Tax Assessors positions for the term beginning January 1, 2020. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dorsey reported Georgia DOT conducted a traffic study at the intersection of Hwy 59 and 77 recommending installing rumble strips and 4 way stop at the intersection; in order to proceed the DOT will need a response that county officials are in agreement with their recommendations.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Oglesby complained about trash on right of ways left from bush hogging. Administrator Partain responded he will look into the situation.

Commissioner Teasley commended public safety employees for their performance.

Commissioner Sayer reported he attended Town of Bowersville Council Meeting; also attending were a group of volunteer fire fighters with concerns about public safety traveling on E Main Street since speed humps were installed; Town Council would not hear their concerns therefore, the group left without resolution to the issue.

12. Old Business

- a) Amend Exhibit A of the No through Truck Ordinance to Add Vandeford Road(District 5) from Goldmine Holly Springs Road to Kay Nursery Road (Second reading)

Commissioner Oglesby moved to accept the second reading to amend Exhibit A of the No through Truck Ordinance to add Vandeford Road from Goldmine Holly Springs Road to Kay Nursery Road. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

- a) Jeffrey Robinson dba Lavonia Speedway LLC Beer & Wine License (Class A on Premises)

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve Jeffrey Robinson's Class A Beer & Wine License for Lavonia Speedway LLC. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) FY20 Department of Human Services Transportation Agreement with Senior Center for Transportation

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve DHS Transportation Agreement. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Assistant Fire Chief Kinsey Craft reported it takes fire trucks two minutes longer to get to Hwy 59 after the speed humps were installed; the ladder truck is low and will not be able to go over the humps; he voiced his concern for public safety and protecting someone's home/life for slower response to a scene.

Fire Chief Jerry Byrum commented about the close proximity of signs installed at the speed breakers, he also said signs were close to the edge of the pavement, which could possibly tear off mirrors on the side of fire trucks traveling on East Main Street.

Commissioner Sayer reported other emergency service vehicles travel on East Main Street; the speed breakers slow down response and patients being transported by EMS complained about the rough ride over the breakers.

Chairman Dorsey reported the Town of Bowersville submitted an invoice to the county to pay for installing the speed humps; which is a reckless abandonment of tax payer's money and it will be a "cold day in Hades" before the county pays SPLOST funds which does not meet the category from SPLOST. The issue

started off with through truck traffic drummed up by special interest of a couple of folks rather than the general public leading up to installing speed humps.

Commissioner Sayer reported he researched DOT regulations for speed bumps, which revealed speed bumps are a basic solution on residential roads with speed limits of 10-20 miles an hour where emergency response is not a primary concern.

15. Executive Session – Litigation

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

Upon exiting Executive Session, Commissioner Sayer moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to draft a letter to the Town of Bowersville for the removal of the speed bumps within ten days; if town council does not comply the BOC will conduct a review of emergency services contracts between the town and the county. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Carter opposed.

16. Adjournment

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

Joey Dorsey, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk