



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday September 22, 2020
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)
 - 08/25/2020 Reg Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Public Hearing FY21 General Fund Budget
 - b) Final Adoption FY21 Budget
 - c) Tax Year 2020 County Millage Rate Certification
 - d) Vote to Release July 14, 2020 Executive Session Minutes (removed 9/8/20)
 - e) Front Setback Variance Request for Edmonson C77A 009 016 (tabled 9/8/20)
 - f) Letter of support – Franklin County/Cost Sharing Audit for Airport Authority
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Cares Act Funding
 - b) Credit for Years of Experience EMS
 - c) Body Camera Purchase for Sheriff's Office
 - d) County Policy Manual updates for 2020
 - e) **Bowersville Fire Station Roof – item removed**
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel/litigation
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met September 22, 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 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 Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda to remove item 13 e, add 15 litigation matters. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 09/08/2020

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-0 (Commissioner Carter abstained due to his absence).

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

None

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

County Attorney Walter Gordon observed Hart County BOC are more open in their meeting practices and response to open records request; others have commented that ruling someone out of order could happen over and over could impair a person's rights for free speech. However, this doesn't happen under this government; the BOC does not require prior notice nor the subject matter for anyone to speak during public comment; public comment is called for prior to a final vote. The BOC needs the ability to call an individual out of order especially when they do not confine themselves to the business of the county.

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain announced Probate Court Merry Kirk's father passed away and keep the family in thoughts and prayers.

10. Chairman's Report

None

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Teasley recognized Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Road Department and county employees for their efforts.

12. Old Business

a) Public Hearing FY21 General Fund Budget

Commissioner Teasley moved to open the public hearing for FY21 General Fund Budget. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

No public comments were offered.

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

b) Final Adoption FY21 Budget

Commissioner Teasley moved to adopt FY21 Budget. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Tax Year 2020 County Millage Rate Certification

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve Tax Year 2020 County Millage Rate Certification. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) Vote to Release July 14, 2020 Executive Session Minutes (removed 9/8/20)

Commissioner Sayer moved to release July 14, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-1 (Commissioner Carter opposed).

e) Front Setback Variance Request for Edmonson C77A 009 016 (tabled 9/8/20)

Commissioner Teasley moved to take the front setback variance request for Edmonson off the table. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 3-0 (Commissioner Carter abstained).

No action was taken on the setback variance request.

f) Letter of support – Franklin County/Cost Sharing Audit for Airport Authority

Commissioner Sayer moved to draft a letter of support and participate in cost sharing with Franklin County for an extensive audit for the Airport Authority. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

13. New Business

a) Cares Act Funding

Administrator Partain reported Hart County was reimbursed for public safety expenses for March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,077,786.11 for phase 1 the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act). There is a possibility of additional funding through Phase II.

b) Credit for Years of Experience EMS

Commissioner Sayer moved to grant Mike Adams eighteen years of credit for experience for the position change from Shift Supervisor to EMS Director. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Body Camera Purchase for Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Carter moved to purchase body cameras from CARES Act funding from Digital-Ally. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

d) County Policy Manual updates for 2020

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the amendments to County Policy Manual. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

e) Bowersville Fire Station Roof – Item was removed from the agenda

14. Public Comment

HYDRA Director Mindy Wise thanked the BOC for providing space for the youth programs; varies programs offered are after-school program; mentorship/volunteerism, summer camp, preventative programs and movie/game nights once per month. The goal is to empower youth for their future; she invited BOC members to the once of month movie night.

James Fulghum representing American Legion Post 109 inquired about the plans to move the flag pole on the courthouse grounds and relocating the WWI monument. Administrator Partain responded there is more involved to move the flag pole.

Mr. Fulghum also announced American Legion Post has petitioned Alan Powell to present legislation to rename Highway 29 to Veteran's Memorial Highway.

Luther Cartee commented according to his research three BOC members own business in Hart County. Chairman Dorsey responded the tire business he owns does very little business with the county and takes a loss under State contract.

David Cagle presented open records request for the designation of E Main Street in Bowersville as an emergency services corridor; request time limits for public comments from January 1, 2017 through September 8, 2020 and; challenged BOC to submit to drug tests. He also referenced Chairman Dorsey's response to a comment made to him while Chairman Dorsey was on a job site in Bowersville.

Chairman Dorsey denied calling Mr. Cagle what he implied and called him out of order.

Chairman Dorsey stated conduct and personal attacks is why public comment is so vital. However, Mr. Cagle's conduct and personal attacks during meetings in Bowersville is not allowable.

Chuck Turner commended the BOC for what they do.

Randy Phillips inquired about patching Deer Run Lane. Administrator Partain responded the road is on the contractor's list and should be repaired soon.

15. Executive Session

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0. (Commissioner Carter did not attend executive session).

Commissioner Teasley moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Sayer 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