



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Joint City and County Meeting
Emergency Called Meeting
Tuesday June 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Lower Level of the Adult Learning Center

1. TSPLOST Discussions

2. Other Items As Time Allows

Hart County Board of Commissioners and Hartwell City Council met Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Lower Level of the Adult Learning Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

Mayor Brandon Johnson, City Council Members Zach Adams, Kay Ankerich, Seth Baughman, Randy Clark and Mike McNabb were in attendance. Richard Sheller was absent.

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Public Works Director Jason Spencer presented a power point showing data and numbers from the road study. The County has 517 miles of paved roads and the city has 43 miles. The current PCI for the County roads is 59% and the City roads are at 53%. If the TSPLOT were to be split like the SPLOST 80% County and 17% City the City would have more than enough to reach the passing PCI score of 65%. The County would need to use 1.8 million from the LMIG grant to achieve this same passing score. Mr. Spencer suggested that both the County and City use the TSPLOST funds to maintain the roads they have now and bring there PCI rating up.

Mayor Brandon Johnson stated that he and the Council would like to be able to address the traffic concerns citizens are having within the city limits. He said discussions with the school determined that a roundabout would not work with the school's current plans for improving school traffic. City Manager John Herschell has also been speaking with the State about a possible roundabout on Highway 29 near the Ridge Road area.

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham reminded everyone that a portion of the TSPLOST funds will be allocated to the Cities of Royston and Canon and the Town of Bowersville. She also noted that the State will administer an administrative fee of 1.5% to 3%.

Commissioner Dorsey made the statement that the Board of Commissioners does not have the opportunity to vote for new businesses in the City. Also, they have denied the annexation requests presented to them.

Commissioner Bennett noted that neither the County nor the City currently receives these funds, and that receiving some funding would be better than receiving none. He added that the funds would come from both residents and visitors.

Chairman Sayer asked that they all work together for a resolution that would benefit the whole community.

Mayor Johnson proposed that the city receive 21% and that the County contribute towards a project on Parkdale Dr.

Commissioner Brown expressed concerns that that city had no cost or engineering plans for the Parkdale project.

Mayor Johnson then took the Parkdale project off the table and just requested the 21% for the City.

Chairman Sayer offered a 20% split and both the Commissioners and Council agreed.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the City of Hartwell's request to receive 20% of the TSPLOST funds. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk