



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday May 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Emergency Services and Administration Building

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4/23/24 Regular Minutes
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Hart County Board of Commissioners met May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Brown.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

4. WELCOME

Chairman Sayer welcomed those in attendance via in person, HTC and/or YouTube.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
4/23/24 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2024, regular meeting. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
National Safe Boating Week – Proclamation

Chairman Sayer welcomed Commander Larry Cole of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Commander Cole gave an overview of the duties of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He invited citizens to take part in the Boaters Safety Course.

Chairman Sayer read the Proclamation declaring the week of May 18-24, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the Proclamation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

None

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
April Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented the General Fund Financial Report for April; announced that he had spoken with the Warden and Captain of the Whitworth Women's Facility, and they will start taking out crews to pick up trash on the road right of ways; spoke on the need for another representative from Hart County to be a member of the Avita Board.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer expressed his appreciation for mothers and his sincere hope that all mothers had a good Mother's Day.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett echoed Chairman Sayer's sentiments on Mothers; announced that the bushhogging crew will begin cutting in District 1; thanked Administrator Partain for meeting with Whitworth Women's Facility about taking care of the trash on the county roads.

Commissioner Teasley wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day; asked that everyone keep the Trooper that had a medical emergency during a high-speed chase in their thoughts and prayers; thanked Law Enforcement and all County Employees for all that they do; expressed appreciation for the work the bushhog crew is doing.

Commissioner Brown echoed the sentiments to Mothers and the request for prayers for the Trooper; thanked Law Enforcement and First Responders; wished the best to the upcoming Graduates.

Commissioner Dorsey echoed the same sentiments to Mothers; echoed the sentiments of the high-speed chase and announced that a fund has been set up a Pinnacle Bank for the child involved in the chase; congratulated the Graduating class of 2024.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Bid Award Fire Turnout Gear

Chairman Sayer moved to award the bid to Williams Fire Apparatus as per the Fire Chief Byrum, Fire Captains and Administrator Partain's recommendation. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. Commissioner Dorsey suggested that the funds be taken out of the CARES Act Funds; Administrator Partain will refigure the CARES Act budget to see if it is feasible; Chairman Sayer amended the motion for the money to come from the CARES Act funds if funds are available; Commissioner Brown amended his second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Bid Award Fire Helmet (Grant)

Commissioner Brown moved to award the bid to Fireline as per the Fire Chief Byrum, Fire Captains and Administrator Partain's recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Job Description Probate Court

Commissioner Bennet moved to approve Probate Judge Kirk's request for an Administrative Probate Clerk job description at paygrade 15. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Electronic Medical Records Agreement for Jail

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) 2024 Archway Agreement

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 2024 Archway Agreement for 2024. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Bill Leard spoke on the Archway Committee.

f) Revised Application for Board Appointments

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the revised application. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Brown suggested putting the application on the website as a fillable PDF.

g) Bid Opening for Football / Cheer / Photograph

Bids were received and opened from Rock Team Sports, BSN Sports, Ghost Sports Warehouse for Football Uniforms.

Commissioner Brown moved to defer the bids to Administrator Partain, Rec Director Owens and Rec Advisory Board for review and recommendation. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Bids were received and opened from Karew Sports, Varsity Spirit Fashions and Supplies, LLC for Cheer Leading Uniforms.

Commissioner Brown moved to defer the bids to Administrator Partain, Rec Director Owens and Rec Advisory Board for review and recommendation. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Bids were received and opened from Sportography, Strawbridge Studios, Inc. for Photography.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to defer the bids to Administrator Partain, Rec Director Owens and Rec Advisory Board for review and recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Credit for Experience Sheriff Office

Commissioner Teasley moved to grant Joanne Phillips 8 years credit for experience retro to the full-time hire date. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

b) Credit for Experience EMS

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant Anderw Hudgins 2 years credit for experience retro to the full-time hire date. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Public Defender FY 24-25 Budget

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the budget Public Defender's FY24-25 Budget. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Revised Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the Revised Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Library Board of Trustees Appointments

Commissioner Bennett moved to reappoint Linda Manning, Kathy Maynard and Susan Nook to the Library Board and appoint Jean Mead to the Library Board to succeed Nancy Clark. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Brown thanked Ms. Clark for her years of service to the Library Board of Trustees and the Hart County. Chairman and other Commissioners echoed these sentiments.

f) Homestead Exemption Discussion

Commissioner Dorsey moved to add a referendum to the ballot in November for an additional \$5000.00 homestead exemption for taxpayers 65 and older. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. After discussion by the Board the motion carried 3-2 with Chairman Sayer and Commissioner Brown opposing.

g) Hart County Humane Society Temporary Beer and Wine Permit (Music Festival)

Commissioner Teasley moved to issue a Temporary Beer & Wine Permit for the Hart County Humane Society Music Festival May 26, 2024. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

h) FY 24-25 Health Insurance Renewal

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield FY 24-25 health insurance renewal proposal. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

i) Moratorium on Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Parks

Commissioner Dorsey moved to issue a 90 moratorium on mobile home and recreational vehicle parks. Chairman Sayer provided a second. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Bennett opposing.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel

Commissioner Dorsey moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Teasley was absent)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to extend an employee's FMLA for an additional 90 days. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Teasley was absent).

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the E911 Communications Director Position to pay grade 21 exempt position with 10 years of experience. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Teasley was absent).

Commissioner Sayer moved to authorize County Attorney Higginbotham to draft a letter to retired hospital employees concerning their pension plan. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Teasley was absent).

Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Teasley was absent).

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk