Hart County Board of Commissioners

January 24, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The Hart County Board of Commissioners met January 24, 2017 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 Rev. Brad Goss.

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

1. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

1/10/2017 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

Archway Update – Ms. Anna Strickland

Ms. Strickland was not available at the time the agenda item came up.

1. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

County Attorney Walter Gordon reported he created a time line to start discussions for SPLOST 5; and is reviewing the fee schedule for various fines as per BOC action taken during the budget process.

1. County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported that County Clerk Lawana Kahn’s mother is in failing health and to remember her.

1. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Dorsey reported the BOC will be discussing a list of topics for the upcoming meeting with the DOT at their meeting following the regular session.

1. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Oglesby inquired about an update on the Assistant Fire Chief. County Administrator Partain responded the issue will be discussed at the upcoming Fire Captain’s & Officer’s meeting.

Commissioner Teasley inquired about road striping on Walters Road and Lankford Road also side arm work on Ridge Road. Administrator Partain responded he is discussing road striping with the contractor and a work order will be created for the side arm work.

Commissioner Sayer reported an issue with heating and air in the Probate Judge’s small courtroom. County Administrator Partain reported the unit has been replaced; McGee HV/AC has been on site several times concerning the same issue. He will contact them again for recommendations to resolve the issue.

Commissioner Carter requested the building on Cade Street that was recently acquired from TyCobb Foundation be placed on the next meeting agenda; and concerns with the outside lights at the new Family Dollar Store on Junction 77.

1. Old Business
2. Courthouse lawn Irrigation Repair

Commissioner Oglesby moved to award the lawn irrigation repairs to Eberhardt’s Landscaping. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Carter reported a live Christmas tree has been donated to go on the courthouse lawn which will eliminate the expenses of erecting and taking down the artificial tree; he commended the individuals from the various garden clubs for their efforts and willingness to assist with the courthouse lawn.

County Administrator Partain reported the cost for water to operate the lawn irrigation system will range from $6 - $7 per day.

Chairman Dorsey inquired about who is going to maintain the irrigation system. Administrator Partain will discuss the issue with the contractor.

Carolyn Bowman from Nancy Hart Garden Club inquired on the time line for the repairs to the lawn irrigation system. Chairman Dorsey responded it will be up to the contractor to schedule the work.

1. Courthouse (Main) roof bids

Sealed bids were received and opened from Budget Construction, Horizon Roofing and John’s Roofing/Sheet Metal Co. Inc.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to defer the bids to CA Partain for review and recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Recreation Department Budget Request

Recreation Director Jim Owens requested additional funds to cover temporary employees for basketball and football season gate keepers and concessionaires in the amount of $7,500.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to amend line items 52.3860 and 51.1112 to cover temporary employee expenses in the amount of $4,800. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Chairman Dorsey suggested the full time staff cover the responsibilities of gym supervisor to reduce the cost. Rec Director Owens explained if full time staff is utilized at night they would neglect their duties at the other facilities and parks.

Commissioner Oglesby withdrew his motion for funding. Commissioner Teasley withdrew his motion for a second.

Rec Advisory Chairman Bill Granger explained it cost approximately $12,000 to operate the basketball program; however revenues of approximately $14,000 will offset the cost. He also stated basketball and football programs are money making programs and encouraged the BOC to fund the programs.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve the Recreation Department budget line item requests $4,800 to cover the basketball program for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. SPLOST 5

Chairman Dorsey emphasized the need to start the planning process for a SPLOST 5 referendum since the county and municipalities are dependent on SPLOST funding.

County Attorney Walter Gordon explained there are two dates in 2017 to hold an election; municipalities are to be given 10-day notice; meetings with municipalities can be held the last two weeks in March; followed by draft intergovernmental agreements; community meetings and 29 days to call for an election prior to November.

Commissioner Oglesby moved to begin the process for November 7, 2017 SPLOST 5 referendum. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Driveway Pipe Installation Policy

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve the “Request For The Installation of a Driveway Culvert” request form to be implemented in the policy. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Carter opposed.

1. New Business
2. Board of Elections Appointment (term expires 1/1/2019)

Commissioner Teasley moved to appoint the Republican Party nominee Joey Osborne to the Board of Elections/Registration. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. CDBG Grant Resolution HCWS Authority

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve the 2017 CDBG Grant Resolution and the 2015 CDBG amendment. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Catfish Johnny’s Beer and Wine License

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve Catfish Johnny’s 2017 Beer & Wine License. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Meeting Agenda to add Financial Report and County Calendar

Chairman Dorsey explained the Financial Report and County Calendar will be presented by the County Administrator on a monthly basis. No official action was taken.

1. Budget Timeline

Chairman Dorsey discussed the budget timeline starting May 1 and ending no later than October 1. No official action was taken.

1. GMRC Board Appointment

Chairman Dorsey moved to appoint Commissioner Ricky Carter to serve on the GMRC Board. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Archway Update – Ms. Anna Strickland introduced herself as the new Archway Professional for the area, thanked the BOC for their support in the past and stated she looked forward to working with the County.

1. Public Comment

None

1. Executive Session – Potential Litigation

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

Commissioner Carter moved to exit and reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Adjournment

Commissioner Carter 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 Betty Floyd, Associate County Clerk