Hart County Board of Commissioners

Tuesday March 28, 2017

 5:30 p.m.

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
* 3/14/17 Regular Meeting
1. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Crime Victims Awareness Week is April 3rd thru 8th

DA’s Office, Harmony House, Northeast GA Council on Domestic Violence

1. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
2. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS
3. OLD BUSINESS
4. Chamber of Commerce Contract
5. Extension Service Salary Request
6. Vending Machines Government Buildings
7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Inmate Housing cost verses Jail Discussion

b) Board Appointment Advertising

 DFACS (1); Airport Authority (2); GMRC (2) Rec. Board (1)

1. PUBLIC COMMENT
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation
3. ADJOURNMENT

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5:30 p.m.

The Hart County Board of Commissioners met March 28, 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 Chairman Dorsey.

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 amend and approve the meeting agenda to include Executive Session/Potential Litigation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
* 3/14/17 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Remarks by Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

Crime Victims Awareness Week is April 3rd through April 8th

DA’s Office, Harmony House, Northeast GA Council on Domestic Violence

Tracy Evans invited the BOC to attend a ceremony April 7 @ 12:30 p.m. on the courthouse lawn to recognize victims of crime, balloons will be released to honor victims, a proclamation will be read designating April 3rd thru April 8th for Crime Victims Awareness Week.

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

1. Reports By Constitutional Officers and Department Heads

None

1. County Administrator’s Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported the final results for the online Stellar Act survey is being reviewed; contract paving will be complete for the last two roads on the contract; and FEMA mapping is complete.

1. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Dorsey announced an open records/open meetings training session will follow the regular meeting; he commended the Recreation Department and Little League for their efforts with the successful opening day event for the season; commended the Chamber and volunteers for their efforts in hosting in recent fishing tournaments.

1. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioners Teasley and Sayer echoed Chairman Dorsey’s comment concerning Little League Opening Day Event. Commissioner Sayer reported this season had the most participants than ever.

1. Old Business
2. Chamber of Commerce Contract

Commissioner Oglesby moved to approve the contract contingent upon minor changes by County Attorney Walter Gordon; authorized the Chairman to sign the contract; annual expiration date of December 31 which will be renewed automatically if agreed by all parties. Chairman Dorsey provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Extension Service Salary Request

Commissioner Teasley moved to remove the item from the table for discussion. Commissioner Oglesby provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

County Agent Brandi Shiflet and NE District Extension Director Judy Ashley requested increasing the county’s portion of the salary from $15,000 to $18,000 which will help to attract someone with a master’s degree.

Chairman Dorsey explained his concern with the request to increase the county’s portion by 20%, while other county employees are not given large increases. He also noted the former County Agent did not provide a status report to the BOC during his three-year tenure.

Ms. Ashley explained that Mr. Halpin assisted local farmers to save them money; he provided educational programs for the community; and assisted with the 4H programs. She also noted that Hart County’s salary portion is less than the surrounding counties.

Chairman Dorsey questioned why they are seeking a candidate with a master’s degree. Ms. Ashley responded that UGA requires a masters in order for an employee to be considered a facility member.

Commissioner Sayer moved to leave the salary as is until budget time. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Commissioner Carter questioned if the BOC would have a say so as who is hired for the position. Ms. Ashley responded that the BOC has the option to approve who is hired for the position.

Bob Boyd questioned the possibility of sharing an agent with other counties. Ms. Ashley responded two counties in the State of Georgia share an agent, however that is not the norm.

Chairman Dorsey called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Vending Machines Government Buildings

County Administrator Terrell Partain reported he received one vendor’s proposal.

Chairman Dorsey moved to extend the proposal for an additional two weeks. Commissioner Oglesby provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. New Business
2. Inmate Housing cost verses Jail Discussion

County Administrator Partain presented the past 13 months of prisoner housing costs of $28,000 - $30,000 per month, an average of 19 inmates per day are transported and housed out in counties as far south as Gwinnett.

Sheriff Cleveland reported a third of the inmate population are probation violators; ¼ location probation; ¾ state probation; eventually counties that are housing Hart County inmates will face lack of space issues as is Hart County.

Chairman Dorsey moved for County Administrator Partain and Sheriff Cleveland to research all options and come back with recommendations to the BOC. Commissioner Oglesby provided a second to the motion.

Bob Boyd questioned if the county built a larger facility there would be a need for additional staff. Sheriff Cleveland responded one additional full time person would be required.

James Brown offered his services to volunteer with researching the options.

Chairman Dorsey called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Board Appointment Advertising

DFACS (1); Airport Authority (2); GMRC (2); Rec. Board (1)

Commissioner Oglesby moved to commence with advertising for candidates. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Public Comment

None

1. Executive Session – Potential Litigation

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

With no further action taken during Executive Session, Commissioner Oglesby moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Adjournment

Commissioner Oglesby 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 Lawana Kahn, County Clerk

