



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday June 9, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
03/12/2026 Joint City / County Meeting
05/26/2026 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Public Works Director, Jason Spencer, Monthly Report
County Attorney, Kim Higginbotham – **ADDED**
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Bid Opening for Recreation Photography
 - b) Board Appointment GMRC Board (citizen at large)
 - c) Recreation Park Conditions Discussion
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Purchase of Replacement Vehicle Lifts for Maintenance Shop
 - b) Credit for Experience Building Maintenance (Janitorial)
 - c) Credit for Experience Dispatcher, Sheriff Department – **ADDED**
 - d) Credit for Experience Deputy, Sheriff Department – **ADDED**
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met June 9, 2026 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

Commissioner Bennett offered prayer.

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 all those in attendance via in person, HTC Channel 3 and Board of Commissioners YouTube site.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

03/12/2026 Joint City / County Minutes
05/26/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 03/12/2026 Joint City / County Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to amend and approve the 5/26/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

None

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director, Jason Spencer, Monthly Report
County Attorney, Kim Higginbotham

Public Works Director Jason Spencer stated that the Liberty Hill Road speed study will run for two weeks and will track vehicle speeds and traffic volume. He also noted the need to schedule a joint meeting with the City regarding TSPLOST. Commissioner Dorsey asked why work orders submitted to Julie were not included in the monthly report. Mr. Spencer explained that he had

only included work orders submitted directly to him and said he would include those submitted to Julie going forward.

Commissioner Dorsey noted that County road signs are not standardized. For example, the sign for Memorial Road lists only “Memorial” and does not include “CR” for County Road or the road number, an issue found on several signs throughout the County.

Commissioner Brown expressed concern that the intersection of Lankford Road and Adamstown Road is becoming more dangerous. Mr. Spencer stated that he received a call earlier that day and had submitted a work order to add a stop-ahead sign and signs indicating that cross-traffic does not stop.

Commissioner Bennett asked Mr. Spencer to follow up with GDOT on the Board’s requests for a three-way stop at New Prospect Road and Reed Creek School Road, and for four-way stops at Mustang Field Road and Hatton Ford Road and at Liberty Hill Road and Liberty Hill Church Road.

County Attorney, Kim Higginbotham gave the timeline for having the TSPLOST on the November ballot; final day to issue the call for the referendum is 90 days before Nov 3, which is Aug 5, the formal meeting is to be held 30 days before the call, 10 days before the formal meeting written notice must be delivered to the cities involved. The intergovernmental agreement will be finalized at the formal meeting. The Board agreed to hold the joint meeting with the City at 6:00 p.m. on June 16, 2026, and have the formal meeting to at 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2026.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

None

10. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Sayer congratulated Little League teams who played in Evans, GA and those who played here; much appreciate to all those involved. Thanked the Art Center, Hartwell Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce for the Smithsonian Exhibit. Asked that the family of Gary Vickery be remembered and also Mike Atkins and his family after the passing of his mother.

11. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett thanked all those involved with the Little League tournaments. He expressed sympathy to the family of Gary Vickery on his passing and Mike Atkins and his family on the passing of his mother.

Commissioner Teasley echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Bennett concerning Little League, the passing of Gary Vickery and Mike Atkins mother.

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report.

Commissioner Dorsey also echoed the sentiments of the other Commissioners concerning Gary Vickery’s passing mentioning his service to the community as a volunteer firefighter and also the passing of Mike Atkins mother; he would like for the equipment that was put on a surplus equipment list to be sold at the April 14 meeting he was absent from to be looked at by the Board. The Board agreed to meet Saturday, June 13 at 12:30 to look at the equipment.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Bid Opening for Recreation Photography

Commissioner Brown moved to award the Recreation Photography bid to Sportography. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Board Appointment GMRC Board (citizen at large)

Commissioner Bennett moved to re-appoint Bill Chafin to the GMRC Board (citizen at large). Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Recreation Park Conditions Discussion

Commissioner Brown moved to have the Recreation Advisory Board present a clear plan of action and advisement of what is needed from the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Purchase of Replacement Vehicle Lifts for Maintenance Shop

Commissioner Bennett moved to purchase replacement vehicle lifts for the Maintenance Shop due to safety concerns and pricing based on state contract. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Credit for Experience Building Maintenance (Janitorial)

Commissioner Brown moved to approve 10 years' experience for Chris Leonard, Building Maintenance (Janitorial). Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Credit for Experience Dispatcher, Sheriff Department

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve 8 years' experience for Dawn Price, Dispatcher at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Credit for Experience Deputy, Sheriff Department

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve 4 years' experience for Michael Shedd, Deputy at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Brown provided second. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Zach York questioned the Recreation Budget and stated the budget on website is showing \$700,000. Commissioner Dorsey explained that would be the amount requested by department head and County Administrator cut from the budget before it is presented to the Board and that Mr. Owens does receive monthly budget reports for his budget and the SPLOST budget. He also questioned could the fees that are received by the Recreation Department be put back into the Department. Commissioners explained that those monies are put back into the General Fund and used to help offset utility bills, maintenance bills, etc.

Rusty Thornton asked about who controls the budget. Commissioner Dorsey responded that once the budget is approved Mr. Owens is free to use as his discretion, unless it is over \$1000.00, and County Administrator is authorized to approve up to \$10,000.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

Commissioner Brown moved to exit the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to exit Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

15. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk