



Hart County Board of Commissioners
September 23, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Emergency Services and Administration Building

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3. CALL TO ORDER
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HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 23, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met September 23, 2025 at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey present at the meeting.

1. PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Bennett

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 YouTube.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve and amend the agenda to add 13e Budget Year 2025 Auditor Engagement Authorization. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

09/09/2025 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 09/09/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Terri Partain, Executive Director Hart IBA, End of Year Report and Proclamation for Manufacturing Week 2025

Terri Partain Executive Director Hart IBA gave statistics of manufacturing in Hart County stating that 30% (about 3200 people) of the workforce in Hart County are in manufacturing. Manufacturers are partnering with the High School College and Career Academy and the IBA to provide opportunities for High School students. There will be a Manufacturing Appreciation Reception for local manufacturing partners to showcase their industry and job opportunities to the public October 3 from 1:30 – 3:30 at the Adult Learning Center, everyone is invited to attend.

Chairman Sayer read the Proclamation designating October 3 – 10, 2025 as Manufacturing week in Hart County.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt the Manufacturing Week Proclamation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5 – 0.

IBA Director Partain also presented an update on workforce development, potential projects, and project developments that occurred over the past year.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham informed the Board that the appeal filed on the statewide elections challenge case had been withdrawn; she stated that she had responded to Chief Judge Phelps that the Board supported a solution to the Court Reporter crisis that would be fair across the board to all 5 counties involved.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Terrell Partain stated that he had not received the numbers for the Board to be able to set the millage rate and that a draft budget for FY 26 may need to be approved before the end of September.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer thanked all County employees and gave a special thank you to Alyssa for the excellent job she is doing with the monthly County Newsletter.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett thanked all County employees.

Commissioner Teasley thanked the Public Safety and all County employees.

Commissioner Brown reflected on the events that had taken place in our County and Country since the assassination of Charlie Kirk; thanked the local party for the Candlelight vigil honoring Charlie Kirk.

Commissioner Dorsey echoed sentiments of other Commissioners commented on the events of 9/11 and how our freedoms are constantly being attacked; thanked County Employees and Alyssa for her efforts on the County Newsletter.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Tattoo and Body Piercing Ordinance (3rd and Final Reading)

Commissioner Bennett moved to accept the 3rd and Final Reading of the Tattoo and Body Piercing Ordinance and adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Bid Opening Recreation Basketball Uniforms

Commissioner Teasley moved to defer the bids to Administrator Terrell Partain and Recreation Director Jim Owens for recommendation from the Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Public Works Director Job Description

No Action Taken

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request to Bid Tanker for Fire Department

Commissioner Bennett moved to authorize County Administrator Terrell Partain to proceed with the Bidding process once corrections are made to bid packet. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Request for Credit for Experience EMS

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant 4 years of credit for experience to Paramedic Brian Burrell retro to his date of hire. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Request for Credit for Experience Jail

Commissioner Teasley moved to grant 4 years of credit for experience to Certified Detention Office Delbert Unbehant retro to his date of hire. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Request for Credit for Experience SO Dispatch

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant 4 years of credit for experience to Communication Officer Heather Mooney retro to her date of hire. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Budget Year 2025 Auditor Engagement Authorization - **ADDED**

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize Chairman Sayer and Administrator Terrell Partain to sign the Auditor's Engagement Letter for Budget Year 2025. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.0

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel - Real Estate

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

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

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize County Administrator Terrell Partain to adjust the error in payroll to make the employee whole by adjusting the payroll and retirement. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk