



Hart County Board of Commissioners
September 9, 2025
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)
08/26/2025 Regular Minutes
08/26/2025 Budget Meeting Minutes
09/02/2025 Called Meeting Minutes
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Thomas Jordan, Chief Magistrate Judge
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10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
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 - a) Tattoo and Body Piercing Ordinance (2nd Reading)
 - b) Road Study RFP Bids Discussion
 - c) Courthouse Audio Visual Upgrade (ARPA Grant)
 - d) Setting the Approved Methods of Identification for Local Tipping Fees
 - e) Permission to send RFP for New Solid Waste Building - **ADDED**
13. NEW BUSINESS
None
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 9, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met September 9, 2025 at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

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

1. PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas Jordan

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 Teasley moved to approve and amend the agenda to add 12e Permission to send RFP for new Solid Waste Building. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

08/26/2025 Regular Minutes

08/26/2025 Budget Meeting Minutes

09/02/2025 Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 08/26/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 08/26/2025 Budget Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 09/02/2025 Called Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Brown abstained.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Pat Goran, Director Hart County Water & Sewer Authority

Pat Goran Hart County Water & Sewer Authority Director came before the Board of Commissioners to ask for their approval to participate in the GA Upper Savannah Partnership. To participate he will need a letter of support signed by County Administrator Terrell Partain and a seed match of \$3000.00

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the participation in the GA Upper Savannah Partnership, allow County Administrator Terrell Partain to sign letter of support and provide the \$3000.00 for the seed grant contingent on approval from the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Thomas Jordan, Chief Magistrate Judge

Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas Jordan recognized Magistrate Mike Lecroy for his years of service and presented him with a plaque. The Board of Commissioners commended him for his service to Hart County with a proclamation.

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham informed the Board that Kevin McFarlin is removing himself from his offer to become the 2026 Prosecutor for Juvenile Court; she stated that due to the Court Reporter crisis Judge Phelps is requesting that the stipend allotted for the Superior Judges (that they will no longer be receiving) be given to the court reporters in our Judicial Circuit. She also reported that an elections challenge that had be filed with all 159 Georgia counties now has a Judge assigned to it, the Judge has filed a dismissal, and an appeal has since been filed.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

August Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain gave the financial report for August. He also reported that the ISO improvements had been sent in for evaluation.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer had nothing to report.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett thanked all County employees.

Commissioner Teasley thanked the Public Safety and all County employees.

Commissioner Brown thanked Wes of HTC and everyone that helped with setting up the equipment for him to be able to join the meeting; recognized Magistrate Mike Lecroy for his service to citizens of Hart County.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Tattoo and Body Piercing Ordinance (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the 2nd Reading of the Tattoo and Body Piercing Ordinance. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Road Study RFP Bids Discussion

No Action Taken

c) Courthouse Audio Visual Upgrade (ARPA Grant)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the Courthouse Audio Visual Upgrade (ARPA Grant). Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Setting the Approved Methods of Identification for Local Tipping Fees

Commissioner Dorsey made a motion to allow individuals who own businesses located in Hart County, but who are not county residents, to provide either a business license or a sales tax certificate as proof of ID for local tipping fees. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Permission to send RFP for New Solid Waste Building – **ADDED**

Commissioner Dorsey moved to give permission to send the RFP for a new Solid Waste building out for bid after adding a second preproposal meeting and correcting the Finance Department in the bid packet. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0

13. NEW BUSINESS

None

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 Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk