



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday April 14, 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)
 - 03/24/2026 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Bid award Fire Department turnout gear
 - b) Bid award Paynes Creek lawn care
 - c) Vehicle Surplus list
 - d) Ramp removal at old jail building
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Kratom Ordinance Discussion
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None
16. ADJOURNMENT



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday March 24, 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)
03/10/2026 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Jason Spencer, Public Works Director
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Driveway Aprons Akins Lunsford and Farm Roads
 - b) Job Description Fire Department Administrative Assistant
 - c) Job Description County Buildings Custodian
 - d) Bid Opening Fire Department Turnout Gear
 - e) Bid Opening Paynes Creek Lawn Care
 - f) Job Description Recreation Coordinator
 - g) Reappoint to State EMS advisory Board, Terrell Partain and Mike Adams
 - h) Permission to Update General Fund Budget for Sheriff Department Storage Building -
Added
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Amendment to Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Article II License (6-42)
 - b) 911 / SO Radio Controls and Consoles Upgrade
 - c) Permission to Trade Loader for Repair Work on Transfer Station Loader - Added
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

Hart County Board of Commissioners
March 24, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met March 24, 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 Brown 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 to add item 12h) Permission to Update General Fund Budget for Sheriff Department Storage Building and 13c) Permission to Trade Loader for Repair Work on Transfer Station Loader. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
03/10/2026 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Bennett moved to amend and approve the 03/10/2026 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
Jason Spencer, Public Works Director

Jason Spencer, Public Works Director, brought amendments to two ordinances section 82-61 and chapter 66.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the 1st reading to add the amendments to Section 82-61 and Chapter 66. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners presented a retirement plaque to Ed Cleveland for his years of dedication and service to the Maintenance Shop.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated in Little League's opening day, saying it was the best one he had attended. He also gave special thanks to Mason Bowers and the entire Little League Board.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett agreed with Chairman Sayer on Little League's opening day and requested remembrance for those impacted by the Iran conflict.

Commissioner Teasley expressed appreciation to the Little League board for an excellent opening day. He requested a status update on the letter sent to GDOT regarding the intersection at Reed Creek School Road and mentioned that he would like to see if a flagpole could be installed at Mega Ramp. Additionally, he thanked the Fire Department for their service and asked everyone to keep Ryan Craft's family in their thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Brown thanked the Little League Board for an excellent opening day. Encouraged Commissioners to visit the fire stations to assess the needs at each station.

Commissioner Dorsey echoed the sentiments of others on the Little League opening day, thanked the Sheriff and deputies for helping people getting in, Little League Board for a well-organized event and Recreation Department for preparing the fields; Board and Department Heads need to get back to utilizing the employee handbook and incorporate open records and open meetings into the employee handbook; thanked Commissioner Brown for bringing up the Fire Stations and that there is \$200,000 budgeted for Fire Department maintenance, would like to have a report of what has been used and what other projects are pending at the next meeting.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Driveway Aprons Akins Lunsford and Farm Road

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize County Administrator Terrell Partain, Public Works Director Jason Spencer and Road Superintendent Shannon Teasley to review the roads to see which driveway aprons need to be repaired and report back to the Board. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Brown opposed.

b) Job Description Fire Department Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the Fire Department Administrative Assistant job description. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Job Description County Buildings Custodian

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the County Buildings Job Description. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Bid Opening Fire Department Turnout Gear

Commissioner Teasley moved to turn the bids over to County Administrator Terrell Partain and Fire Chief Jerry Byrum for review and recommendation. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Bid Opening Paynes Creek Lawn Care

Commissioner Dorsey moved to turn the bids over to County Administrator Terrell Partain for review and recommendation. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Job Description Recreation Coordinator

Commissioner Dorsey moved to fill the Recreation Department positions that are open at the current Recreation Associate position. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion failed 2-3 Chairman Sayer, Commissioners Bennett and Brown opposed.

Chairman Sayer moved to amend and approve the Recreation Coordinator job description, make it the same paygrade as Recreation Associate and replace one of the current Recreation Associate positions. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 3-2 (Commissioners Dorsey and Teasley opposed).

g) Reappoint to State EMS advisory Board, Terrell Partain and Mike Adams

Commissioner Dorsey moved to reappoint Terrell Partain and Mike Adams to the State EMS Advisory Board. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

h) Permission to Update General Fund Budget for Sheriff Department Storage Building-
ADDED
Chairman Sayer moved to grant permission to update the Sheriff Department's budget by \$750,000 for storage building. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Amendment to Chapter 6 Alcohol Beverages, Article II License (6-42)

No Action

b) 911 / SO Radio Controls and Consoles Upgrade

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the 911 / SO Radio Controls and Consoles upgrade. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Permission to Trade Loader for Repair Work on Transfer Station Loader - **ADDED**

Chairman Sayer moved to declare the loader surplus and allow for the loader to be traded for credit for maintenance repair work on Transfer Station loader. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Brown, 607 Hidden Point Rd, spoke on behalf of Haven Zoo concerning a notice the zoo received to have a fence moved out of ROW.

County Administrator Terrell Partain stated that the property is under review and the deadline for removal has been removed at this time while the ROW is under investigation.

Lisa Kuger, Riveria Shores, Drive presented her concerns regarding excessive noise from dogs in the neighborhood to the Board.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

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

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

16. 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

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MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
April 10, 2026

RE: Item 12 A Bid award Fire Department turnout gear

Attached are the information on the bids received for the fire turnout gear as well as the Fire Chief's recommendation to award the bid to William's fire of \$103,575.00. I also agree with this recommendation.

BID TAB FOR 25 FULL SETS OF STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTER PPE FY 26

Company	Location	Price	Shipping
Williams Fire Apparatus	Ashland AL	\$ 103,575.00	Includes shipping
Williams Fire Apparatus	Ashland AL	\$ 90,900.00	Includes shipping
Bennett Fire Products	Woodstock GA	\$ 89,200.00	Not stated
MES Service Company, LLC	Sandy Hook CT	\$ 121,745.75	Includes shipping
Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC	Bradenton FL	\$ 111,057.25	Not stated



HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

BIDS FOR: Twenty-Five, (25), Full Sets of Structural Firefighter PPE

DATE BIDS DUE: March 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

BID FORM

**HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
800 CHANDLER ST., HARTWELL, GA 30643**

The (Company) Williams Fire

submits herewith Bid in response to bid request in this package, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) attached hereto:

NOTE: You must sign and complete the Bid Supplemental Form and Contractor Affidavit.

PRICE:

\$103,575.00

Price in Numbers

Additional price

The following Addenda to the Bidding and Contract Documents are acknowledged:

Addendum No: _____

Dated: _____

Addendum No: _____

Dated: _____

OFFICIAL COMPANY ADDRESS 778 Idaho Rd., Ashland, AL 36251

EMAIL ADDRESS chase.cummins@willamsfireinc.com

SIGNATURE Chase Cummins

PRINT NAME Chase Cummins

TITLE LE Product Manager

PHONE 864-923-2698

DATE 3-18-2026

FAX _____

Corporate Seal (if applicable)



HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
BIDS FOR: Twenty-Five, (25), Full Sets of Structural Firefighter PPE

DATE BIDS DUE: March 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

BID FORM
HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
800 CHANDLER ST., HARTWELL, GA 30643

The (Company) Williams Fire

submits herewith Bid in response to bid request in this package, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) attached hereto:

NOTE: You must sign and complete the Bid Supplemental Form and Contractor Affidavit.

PRICE:

\$90,900.00

Price in Numbers

Additional price

The following Addenda to the Bidding and Contract Documents are acknowledged:

Addendum No: _____ Dated: _____

Addendum No: _____ Dated: _____

OFFICIAL COMPANY ADDRESS 778 Idaho Rd., Ashland, AL 36251

EMAIL ADDRESS chase.cummins@williamsfireinc.com

SIGNATURE Chase Cummins

PRINT NAME Chase Cummins

TITLE LE Product Manager PHONE 864-923-2698

DATE 3-18-2026 FAX _____

Corporate Seal (if applicable)



HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

BIDS FOR: Twenty-Five, (25), Full Sets of Structural Firefighter PPE

DATE BIDS DUE: March 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

BID FORM

**HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
800 CHANDLER ST., HARTWELL, GA 30643**

The (Company) Bennett Fire Products Company, Inc.

submits herewith Bid in response to bid request in this package, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) attached hereto:

NOTE: You must sign and complete the Bid Supplemental Form and Contractor Affidavit.

PRICE:

\$89,200.00

Price in Numbers

Eighty nine thousand and two hundred dollars

Additional price

The following Addenda to the Bidding and Contract Documents are acknowledged:

Addendum No: _____ Dated: _____

Addendum No: _____ Dated: _____

OFFICIAL COMPANY ADDRESS 195 Stockwood Drive, Suite 170

EMAIL ADDRESS bennettfire@att.net Woodstock, GA 30188

SIGNATURE Danny Bennett

PRINT NAME Danny Bennett

TITLE President PHONE 770-402-9910

DATE March 12, 2026 FAX _____

Corporate Seal (if applicable)



HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
BIDS FOR: Twenty-Five, (25), Full Sets of Structural Firefighter PPE

DATE BIDS DUE: March 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

BID FORM
HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
800 CHANDLER ST., HARTWELL, GA 30643

The (Company) Ten-8 Fire & Safety LLC

submits herewith Bid in response to bid request in this package, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) attached hereto:

NOTE: You must sign and complete the Bid Supplemental Form and Contractor Affidavit.

PRICE:

One hundred eleven thousand, fifty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

Price in Numbers

Additional price

The following Addenda to the Bidding and Contract Documents are acknowledged:

Addendum No: _____ Dated: _____

Addendum No: _____ Dated: _____

OFFICIAL COMPANY ADDRESS 2950 59th Avenue Dr E, Bradenton FL 34208

EMAIL ADDRESS cpike@ten8fire.com

SIGNATURE 

PRINT NAME Cory Pike

TITLE Inside Equipment Sales Manager PHONE 941-213-2825

DATE 3/12/2026 FAX 941-752-5860

Corporate Seal (if applicable)



HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
BIDS FOR: Twenty-Five, (25), Full Sets of Structural Firefighter PPE

DATE BIDS DUE: March 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

BID FORM
HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
800 CHANDLER ST., HARTWELL, GA 30643

The (Company) MES Service Company, LLC

submits herewith Bid in response to bid request in this package, and in compliance with the description(s) and/or specification(s) attached hereto:

NOTE: You must sign and complete the Bid Supplemental Form and Contractor Affidavit.

PRICE:

\$121,745.75

Price in Numbers

One Hundred Twenty one thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Seventy Five Cents

Additional price

The following Addenda to the Bidding and Contract Documents are acknowledged:

Addendum No: 0 Dated: _____

Addendum No: 0 Dated: _____

OFFICIAL COMPANY ADDRESS 12 Turnberry Ln, 2nd Floor Sandy Hook CT 06482

EMAIL ADDRESS ward.petrie@mesifesafty.com

SIGNATURE *Ward Petrie*

PRINT NAME Ward Petrie

TITLE SVP Finance PHONE 203 364 0620

DATE 3/17/2026 FAX 203 264 3325

Corporate Seal (if applicable)



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
April 10, 2026

RE: Item 12 B Bid award Paynes Creek lawn care

Attached is the bid tab for the lawn care for Paynes Creek Park. The recommendation is to award to Miller Lawn Care.

BID TAB FOR PAYNES CREEK LAWN MAINTENANCE FY 26

Company	Location	Price	
Lake Hartwell Lawn Care	Bowersville, GA	\$ 500.00	Per cut
Miller Lawn Care	Hartwell, GA	\$ 565.00	Bi-weekly



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
April 10, 2026

RE: Item 12 C Vehicle Surplus list

Attached is list of vehicles (cars and trucks) to be declared as surplus.

VEHICLES DO NOT RUN AND PARTS ARE MISSING

YEAR	VIN	MAKE/MODEL
2010	2B3AA4CT8AH148961	DODGE CHARGER
2012	2C3CDXAT4CH255807	DODGE CHARGER
2010	2B3AA4CT1AH234774	DODGE CHARGER
2010	2B3AA4CT6AH148957	DODGE CHARGER
1991	1FDKE30M4MHA60977	FORD E-350
1998	1FTZF18WTWNB83490	FORD F-150
1994	2FALP71W6RX138733	FORD CROWN VIC
2003	2FAFP71W23X173600	FORD CROWN VIC
1997	1FTDF18W5VLA67097	FORD F-150
1998	1GNDT13W8W2211157	CHEVROLET BLAZER
2001	2FAFP71W2WX152887	FORD CROWN VIC
2001	1FAFP71W01X152886	FORD CROWN VIC
2003	2FAFP71W63X200233	FORD CROWN VIC
1997	2FALP71W9VX111536	FORD CROWN VIC
1997	1FALP5204VA174246	FORD TAURUS
2003	2FAFP71W63X173602	FORD CROWN VIC
2004	2FAFP71W14X134126	FORD CROWN VIC
2007	2B3KA43H67H789518	DODGE CHARGER
2008	2B3KA43H68H227393	DODGE CHARGER
2013	2C3CDXAT1DH647953	DODGE CHARGER
1977	W24BE75085311	DODGE POWER WAGON W20
1981		FORD F-700
1985		CHEVROLET PICKUP
1997		FORD TAURUS
1997		FORD CROWN VIC
1981	1HTAA18E5BHA26384	INTERNATIONAL 1854
2002	1FTRF18L52NB01812	FORD F-150
1994	JT3VN39W4R0144314	TOYOTA 4 RUNNER
2016	2C3CDXAT7GH228901	DODGE CHARGER
2012	1FDRF3GT8CEB10286	FORD F-350
2008	1FDWF36R58ED18108	FORD F-350

SURPLUS TO BE SOLD AT SHOP

2010	1FDWF3GR8AEBC1169	FORD F-350
2015	2C3CDXAT2FH800911	DODGE CHARGER
2014	2C3CDXAT8EH257174	DODGE CHARGER
2015	2C3CDXAT0FH800910	DODGE CHARGER
2008	2G1WT55K589238686	CHEVY IMPALA

ROAD DEPARTMENT SURPLUS LIST

14	POTHOLE PATCHER	1283
16	1993 IHC TAR TRUCK	1HTSDPPN5PH503674
28	STRAW BLOWER 4239DF	CD4239D759587
34	MIDLAND WIDENER	287
37	1990 IHC DUMP TRUCK	1HTSDZZN7LH689947
44	M318 CAT EXCAVATOR	8AL00506
45	STRAW BLOWER	20099
47	INGERSOL RAND ROLLER	162080
48	2013 NEW HOLLAND W/ ALAMO	1228
53		
56	WATER PUMP	91038
61	RUBBER TIRE ROLLER	
62	310 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	T0310DA721539
67	140G CAT GRADER	72V05373
69	1990 2355 JOHN DEERE	2355
73	PF161 BLAW KNOX PAVER	16128-07
74	2555 JOHN DEERE W/ALAMO	2428
77	2002 CHIP SPREADER	38160
86	1985 FT8000 WATER TRUCK	1FDYL8000FVA04407
88	INGERSOLL VIBRATORY	194397
89	INGERSOLL PT125R	194650
90	2000 FORD F350XL DUALY	1FTWW32F8YED41205
96	BUSHHOH XH1500	C30103082505
98	BUSHHOG XH1500	C30600420801
99	MT 500 CHALLENGER	S199006
102	1997 FORD F-150	1FTZF1720WNA86795
110	2003 Ford F450	1FDXX47P33EC95733
114	SCHULTE BUSHHOG	
119	510 JOHN DEERE LOADER	
121	2009 INT DUMP TRUCK BROWN	1HTWHAARX9J119982
122	2011 INT DUMP TRUCK W/ PLOW	1HTWGZR8BJ399575
	1976 FORD BUCKET TRUCK F600	F600DUCC1563
	1989 NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL 4900	1HTSD22N7LH689947
	1989 NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL 4900	1HTST003LH6866
	VOLVO 10 WHEEL DUMP	TAG # 93676



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
April 10, 2026

RE: Item 12 D Ramp removal at old jail building

The old ramp that was constructed for the original jail building while the DA was using for their office is a danger and needs to be torn down. The only access that is needed at this time is available through a side entry and front access is not used.



MEMORANDUM

Terrell Partain,
County Administrator
April 10, 2026

RE: Item 13 A Kratom Ordinance Discussion

Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) is a tropical evergreen tree native to Southeast Asia, whose leaves contain compounds that produce stimulant or opioid-like effects. While it is often marketed as a natural supplement for energy, pain relief, and managing opioid withdrawal, it is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for any medical use. The FDA warns against its use due to risks of addiction, abuse, and safety concerns.

It is widely available in gas stations and smoke shops, often marketed as a natural, safe alternative for managing opioid withdrawal.

Attorney General Chris Carr is warning Georgians about the dangers of products containing 7-OH, an opioid-like substance that is flooding gas stations, vape shops, and convenience stores.

7-OH (formally known as 7-hydroxymitragynine) is a chemical compound that naturally occurs in low levels in the kratom plant. Isolated or concentrated forms of 7-OH – such as those found in tablets, capsules, shots and liquid extracts – present significant risks. Concentrated forms of 7-OH are 13 times more potent than morphine, according to the FDA, and may lead to seizures, substance abuse disorder, withdrawal, overdose, and even death.

7-OH products are often falsely marketed as natural kratom, though they contain enhanced levels of lab-created or synthesized substances. These products are engineered to be addictive, and they are often designed to look like everyday candies, gummies, and even ice cream cones in an attempt to appeal to teens and young adults.

“We’re staring down the next wave of the opioid crisis, and we have to take action before it’s too late,” said Carr. “These harmful and addictive drugs are sold like candy, and they’re putting children at risk. It’s unacceptable and it’s illegal, and there will be consequences for those who break our laws.”

7-OH is not approved by the FDA for any medical use and is not lawful as a dietary supplement or when added to conventional foods. The FDA recently took steps to classify 7-OH as a scheduled drug under the Controlled Substances Act.

Chairman Sayer requested this be placed on the agenda to discuss if it is possible to regulate it within a local ordinance.