



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday June 23, 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)
  - 06/09/2026 Regular Meeting
  - 06/16/2026 Called Meeting
  - 06/16/2026 Joint City / County Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS  
Public Work Director, Jason Spencer Report
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
  - a) Batting Cage Carpet Recreation Department
  - b) Recreation Advisory Board Membership and By-Laws Discussion
  - c) Fire Department Portable Radio Purchase
  - d) Fire Department Blast Cabinets Purchase
  - e) CD Controls Revolving Loan Application
  - f) Legacy Link Addendum second quarter
13. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Possible Jail meal contract change
  - b) DFACS board appointments
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT



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**
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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



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Emergency Called Meeting  
Tuesday June 16, 2026  
5:00 p.m.  
Lower Level of the Adult Learning Center

1. Purchase of Fire Department Tanker Trucks
2. Other Items as Time Allows

Hart County Board of Commissioners met June 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lower Level of the Adult Learning Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Chairman Sayer presented and read the Pilot Club Proclamation.

Commissioner Teasley moved to adopt the Pilot Club Proclamation declaring June 20, 2026 Pilot Club of Hartwell Day. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

#### Purchase of Fire Department Tanker Trucks

Chairman Sayer moved to purchase three Fire Department tanker trucks from Sourcewell using SPLOST funds, under emergency circumstances and subject to approval by County Attorney Kim Higginbotham.

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

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Marshall Sayer, Chairman

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Lisa Evans, County Clerk



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Joint City and County Meeting  
Emergency Called Meeting  
Tuesday June 16, 2026  
5:00 p.m.  
Lower Level of the Adult Learning Center

1. TSPLOST Discussions
2. Other Items As Time Allows

Hart County Board of Commissioners and Hartwell City Council met Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Lower Level of the Adult Learning Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

Mayor Brandon Johnson, City Council Members Zach Adams, Kay Ankerich, Seth Baughman, Randy Clark and Mike McNabb were in attendance. Richard Sheller was absent.

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Public Works Director Jason Spencer presented a power point showing data and numbers from the road study. The County has 517 miles of paved roads and the city has 43 miles. The current PCI for the County roads is 59% and the City roads are at 53%. If the TSPLOT were to be split like the SPLOST 80% County and 17% City the City would have more than enough to reach the passing PCI score of 65%. The County would need to use 1.8 million from the LMIG grant to achieve this same passing score. Mr. Spencer suggested that both the County and City use the TSPLOST funds to maintain the roads they have now and bring there PCI rating up.

Mayor Brandon Johnson stated that he and the Council would like to be able to address the traffic concerns citizens are having within the city limits. He said discussions with the school determined that a roundabout would not work with the school's current plans for improving school traffic. City Manager John Herschell has also been speaking with the State about a possible roundabout on Highway 29 near the Ridge Road area.

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham reminded everyone that a portion of the TSPLOST funds will be allocated to the Cities of Royston and Canon and the Town of Bowersville. She also noted that the State will administer an administrative fee of 1.5% to 3%.

Commissioner Dorsey made the statement that the Board of Commissioners does not have the opportunity to vote for new businesses in the City. Also, they have denied the annexation requests presented to them.

Commissioner Bennett noted that neither the County nor the City currently receives these funds, and that receiving some funding would be better than receiving none. He added that the funds would come from both residents and visitors.



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 12 A Batting Cage Carpet Recreation Department

Attached are the minutes from the Rec Advisory Board with their recommendation to throw out the bids for carpet for batting cages and purchase the carpet from the manufacturer and have installed by a local installer. Jason will have the details in his report.

**Hart County Recreation Department  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
June 16, 2026**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Frye

**Present:** Steve Wehunt, Lonnie Robinson, Erin Gaines, and Casey Powell

**Staff Present:** Jim Owens, Recreation Director

**Visitor:** Rusty Thornton, Canaan Richardson, Warren Herchburger, Zack York, and Vance Foster

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with amendments by Mr. Wehunt. A second was given by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 5-0

**Approval of minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to approve May minutes. A second was given by Mr. Powell. Vote: 5-0.

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Board Member Reports:** Mr. Robinson asked for an update on the batting cage project. He also asked about protecting assistant coaches for football. Mr. Powell asked about summer football practices.

**Directors Report:** Director Owens informed the RAB that registration for Fall Sports is over 360 participants.

**Old Business:** Batting Cage Project discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Powell to reject the 2 carpet bids and purchase the carpet outright pending the availability of the carpet. A second was given by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 5-0. We will then go and pick up the carpet from Dalton to save on freight. A contractor will install the carpet. Fall Sports coaches discussion: Mr. Robinson asked how assistant coaches can be protected. Mr. Frye said assistant coaches cannot be protected in a draft situation. Mr. Robinson asked that a printed copy of the league rules be given to all coaches and assistant coaches.

**New Business:** The Board of Commissioners asked that the RAB recommend a clear and consistent plan of action and direction going forward to fix facility issues. A discussion was had about facilities and concerns of the RAB. A motion was made by Mrs. Gaines to "go in a different for the Recreation Director position." A second was given by Mr. Powell. Vote: 3-2. Mr. Wehunt and Mr. Robinson voted against.

**Public Comment:** A discussion was made regarding facilities and moving forward.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn. A second was given by Mr. Powell.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP  
Recreation and Parks Director

Next scheduled meeting: July 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park HYDRA meeting room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 12 B Recreation Advisory Board Membership and By-Laws Discussion

Attached are the Rec Advisory Board By-Laws for review.

There has been mention of changing the makeup of the board to add a nonvoting member under Article II

I would also suggest that the procedures for appointment of members be looked at and changed from "recommended" by the existing board to a straight application to the Board of Commissioners for appointment to get a more balanced board that represents all of recreation activities, not just little league and football programs. Recreation includes much more than those two sports. That way the five commissioners would have much more involvement in the recruiting and appointment of citizens that have different interests in recreation other than those sports.

## **HART COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS**

Adopted by the Hart County BOC December 10, 2009

### **Article I: Purpose of the Organization**

The Purpose of this Organization is:

- To advise and make recommendations to the Recreation Director and/or county officials on recreation and park matters.
- To seek the development of a broad variety of programs, facilities, and services to meet the total needs and demands utilizing the total resources of the community.
- To inform and educate the public about the importance of and the need for recreation programs, facilities, and services.
- To strive to involve the citizens in the planning and development of the recreation system and identify local needs.
- To establish and maintain an effective public relations program utilizing all appropriate communications media.
- To advise on financial planning and assist in securing adequate budget support.
- To provide a close liaison and coordination with other agencies, such as municipalities, Board of Education, YMCA, Little League, etc., to ensure total cooperative community effort to provide the most effective and economical recreation services possible.
- To evaluate the department's programs, facilities, services, and relationships periodically to assure that its goals and objectives are being achieved.
- To provide encouragement, support, and work in partnership with the Recreation Director to provide a team approach to solving departmental problems.

### **Article II: Membership**

The Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members approved by the Hart County Board of Commissioners. Members shall serve without pay. Terms of office shall be two (2) years.

By November 15th of each year, the Recreation Advisory Board shall submit in writing, a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for appointments to the Recreation Advisory Board. The recommendation may be for a new appointment or for reappointment of the present member.

In the event of a vacancy, the Board may nominate an individual to the Board of Commissioners to complete the term of the vacancy or receive applications from the general public, then make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Members are asked to submit a letter of resignation to the Advisory Board when he/she wishes to end his/her term on the Board.

### **Article III: Officers**

#### Section 1

The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Recreation Advisory Board, appoint committees, and perform all duties generally pertaining to the Office of Chairperson.

#### Section 2

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform these duties in the absence of the Chairperson.

#### Section 3

The Secretary shall keep a record of the meetings of the Recreation Advisory Board, record all official actions, and have custody of its books and records, give notices to the members of meetings and perform other duties as may be assigned by the Recreation Advisory Board. Unless unable to perform the duties, the Recreation Director shall serve as the Secretary.

### **Article IV: Meetings**

#### Section 1

At the annual meeting held in January, the members of the Recreation Advisory Board shall elect from its membership a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary (if Director is unable to perform duties).

#### Section 2

The Recreation Advisory Board shall meet on a regular basis and meetings are subject to the Georgia Open Meetings Law. R.A.B. Advisory Members may participate by phone up to two times per year in compliance with Georgia Open Records Laws. (amended 3/11/2014)

#### Section 3

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of board members at any time deemed necessary or desirable.

#### Section 4

The absence for three (3) consecutive regular meetings of any member of the Recreation Advisory Board shall constitute a vacancy on the Board. The Board of Commissioners shall be notified accordingly in writing and a replacement recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board.

#### Section 5

A majority of Recreation Advisory Board shall at all times constitute a quorum.

## **Article V: Responsibilities**

### Section 1

The Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for advising and making recommendations on all recreation matters.

### Section 2

The Recreation Advisory Board shall operate under the adopted by-laws as approved by the Hart County Board of Commissioners.

### Section 3

The Recreation Advisory Board shall prepare and recommend, to the Board of Commissioners for approval, regulations for the proper use and conduct of public recreation facilities for Hart County.

### Section 4

The Recreation Advisory Board shall advise in the development of recreation programs for all citizens of Hart County.

### Section 5

The Recreation Advisory Board shall approve the proposed recreation budget before being submitted to the County Administrator by the Recreation Director.

### Section 6

The Recreation Advisory Board shall review the Recreation Department Budget quarterly and advise the Recreation Director and County Administrator on matters concerning the parks finances.

### Section 7

The Recreation Advisory Board shall make a full and complete annual report to the Hart County Board of Commissioners and make such other reports as may be required by the Hart County Board of Commissioners. The Recreation Advisory Board, with the help of the Recreation Director, shall be responsible for the preparation of these reports. The annual report is to accompany the proposed Recreation Department budget request.

### Section 8

The Recreation Advisory Board shall advise the Recreation Director on any rule violation when requested by the Recreation Director. The Recreation Director shall consider this advice when making his/her decision on the matter. An appeal of the Recreation Director's decision may be made to the Recreation Advisory Board. The Recreation Advisory Board will hear the appeal and give its decision to the County Administrator, who after consulting with the Board of Commissioners, has the final say on any matter.

Section 9

This Recreation Advisory Board will supersede all other boards and interest groups in the recreation department. It will be the duty of all other boards and interest groups to coordinate their activities through the Recreation Director and the Recreation Advisory Board.

**Article VI: Amendments**

Section 1

Proposed amendments to these by-laws must be submitted in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting. They cannot be voted on until the next regularly scheduled meeting or a subsequent meeting.

Section 2

An amendment cannot become effective until reviewed and approved by the Hart County Board of Commissioners.



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 12 C Fire Department Portable Radio Purchase

The Fire Department is need of 50 more portable radios to replace the older analog radios that are on the engines and tanker trucks along with the new trucks we just ordered and to provide to some of the new firemen that have been added.

The radios must be a specific brand and model to operate on the system Motorola 3550e is the ones we need.

We have gotten prices from 3 separate Motorola dealers North Georgia Radio for \$729.00, Atlantic Radio (Florida), Mobile Comm \$795.00 each.

We are requesting purchase from North Georgia Radio.



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 12 D Fire Department Blast Cabinets Purchase

It was brought to our attention in the past month that it is recommended that a blast cabinet needs to be added to each of the air-fill trucks in the fire department. There are two of them. The cost of the cabinets and mounts are \$12,295.94 each we need 2 so the total amount will be \$24,591.88.

These are to contain the air pack bottles while filling in case of a cylinder failure.



**MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 12 E CD Controls Revolving Loan Application

This is the revolving loan for CD Controls that the County Attorney brought up in her comments at the last regular meeting.



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 12 F Legacy Link Addendum second quarter

Attached is the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter addendum to the legacy line agreement. These addendum adjustments are made to account for the changes in meals, etc. during that quarter.

**ADDENDUM NO. 2  
TO  
AGREEMENT**

Between THE LEGACY LINK, INC. and HART COUNTY COMMISSION for the provision of Nutrition and Senior Center Programs; entered into on the first day of July, 2025.

Said agreement is amended to read as follows.

5. Compensation.

- b) The total compensation paid by The Legacy Link, Inc. to the Contractor for nutrition site operation including both Congregate and Home Delivered Meals operation and management, pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$171,958.00).

6. Non-Federal Funds.

- b) The Contractor further agrees to insure local cash based on actual cost per meal and available federal and state funds for 11,000 Congregate and 18,200 Home Delivered Meals.

The minimum cash requirement for the term of the Agreement (including local match and program income) being Fifty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$53,279.00) for Congregate meals and Forty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$46,890.00) for Home Delivered Meals, with operation and meals management included.

The Contractor shall provide the necessary non-match local resources required for the provision of the services listed in Paragraph two (2) of this contract, this amount being One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$196,265.00).

\*All other terms and conditions of this agreement remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

THE LEGACY LINK, INC.

By: <sup>Signed by:</sup> Melissa Armstrong Date: 5/23/2026  
Chief Executive Officer/AAA Director

CONTRACTOR:  
HART COUNTY COMMISSION

By: <sup>Signed by:</sup> Marshall Sayer Date: 5/23/2026  
Chairman, County Board of Commissioners

Printed Name: Marshall Sayer



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 13 A Possible Jail meal contract change

Sheriff Carroll will discuss the possibility of bringing the jail meal program in house to reduce cost and improve quality of meals.



## **MEMORANDUM**

Terrell Partain,  
County Administrator  
June 19, 2026

RE: Item 13 B DFACS board appointments

We have received one application for re-appointment to the DFACS Board.  
Mrs. Vivian Davis has applied for re-appointment to the Board.

