



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday September 24, 2024
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)
9/10/2024 Regular Minutes
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) Adding Liberty Church Road (CR 505) Dist. 5 to Sec. 66-206 Exhibit A (2nd Reading)
 - b) Amendment to Chapter 46 Land Development Standards Discussion
 - c) New Jail Floor Finish Change Order Consideration
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Request for Credit for Experience 911
 - b) Noise Ordinance Discussion
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION –
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met September 24, 2024, at 6:00 at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, and Joey Dorsey in attendance with Commissioner Jeff Brown attending the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

1. Prayer

Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with 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 those in attendance either in person, via Hart County Board of Commissioners YouTube site or HTC Channel 3. He also welcomed Commissioner Brown via Microsoft Teams.

5. Approve Agenda

County Administrator Terrell Partain asked to have item 12 D Liberty Church Rd/Liberty Hill Rd Intersection added to the agenda.

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

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
9/10/24 Regular Meeting

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

7. Remarks by Invited Guest, Committees, Authorities

None

8. Reports by Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

None

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator/EMA Director Terrell Partain EMA Director gave information on tropical storm headed this way on Thursday and Friday. He wanted to make everyone aware that the storm is predicted to be at least a Category 1 possibly a Category 4 hurricane. It will be similar to the hurricane that came through our way in 2017. He advised that everyone should take proper precautions.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer commented on social media post about comparing the sales tax of Hart County to surrounding counties. He remarked that if you are going to compare taxes you should include property taxes also. He also gave the millage rates of surrounding counties noting that Hart County had the lowest. Chairman Sayer pointed out that the County Administration and Department Heads and everyone involved in County business are good stewards of the County's funds.

11. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Bennett thanked all the County Departments. He remarked that the school's millage rate is also lower than surrounding counties. He commented all County employees are doing a good job with utilizing the County's funds.

Commissioner Teasley commented on trees at the Nancy Drive side of Ridge Road that people are having trouble seeing to pull out.

Commissioner Brown explained that he is on Microsoft Teams due to him having emergency eye surgery and is experiencing a lot of discomfort.

Commissioner Dorsey offered get will wishes to Commissioner Brown: echoed County Administrator Terrell Partain's sentiments for citizens to prepare for the upcoming storm; stated Millage rates are impacted by different revenue streams and the true way of looking at the efficiency of government is the cost to provide services per citizen; the cost to provide services per citizen and the millage rate in Hart County is lower than surrounding counties.

12. Old Business

- a) Adding Liberty Church Road (CR 505) Dist. 5 to Sec. 66-206 Exhibit A (2nd Reading)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to accept the 2nd reading to amend ordinance section 66-206 Exhibit A. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Amendment to Chapter 46 Land Development Standards Discussion

Commissioner Dorsey sent an email to all the Commissioners, County Administrator Terrell Partain and County Attorney Kim Higginbotham for review. Several subdivisions including Early Drive are being developed on county roads with little to no right of way. Commissioner Dorsey moved to direct County Attorney Kim Higginbotham draft an amendment to the subdivision ordinance stating that a 60 foot right of way should be deeded to the County on level II subdivisions; he added that no subdivisions would be approved until this amendment is in place. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- c) New Jail Floor Finish Change Order Consideration

No Action Taken

- d) Liberty Church Road/Liberty Hill Road Intersection Discussion

Commissioner Bennett commented that he and Mr. Craft started a conversation on this intersection 8 years ago and he has known of several accidents that had occurred at this intersection. He introduced Mr. Craft and invited him to speak concerning the intersection.

Mr. Craft thanked the Commissioners for their service and the opportunity to speak. He stated that he had seen accident and knows of many others that had happened at this intersection. He provided pictures and a sketch of the intersection. Mr. Craft proposed that a 4-way stop be installed. Commissioner Bennett moved that County Administrator Terrell Partain reach out to GA DOT to do a traffic study on the intersection at Liberty Church Road and Liberty Hill Road. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

13. New Business

a) Request for Credit for Experience 911

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant 8 years credit for experience for new hire Communication Officer Sonya Cole effective date of hire. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Noise Ordinance Discussion

No Action Taken

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session

None

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, Administrative Assistant