



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday February 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)
02/10/2026 Regular Minutes
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Jason Spencer, Public Works Director
Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas Jordan – Credit for Experience – **MOVED FROM 13d**
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Water and Sewer Authority Board Appointments (3)
 - b) Legacy Link FY 27 Commitment Letter
 - c) Open Records / Open Meeting Training
 - d) Additional Staff / Programs in Recreation Department Discussion
 - e) Location for March 12, 2026, City / County Meeting
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcels I69F 008, I69F 007, I69F 006, I69F 005, I69F 005 006, I69F 005 006A, and I69F 005 007
 - b) Consideration of Accepting Deer Creek Farm Road (4 Property Owners) into County System
 - c) Level II Subdivision Approval Drifting Oaks Subdivision (Phase I) (Old 29 Hwy) Doug Mauk, Owner
 - d) Credit for Experience Magistrate Court – **MOVED to 8 changed to** John Benson Chapter, NSDAR Approval to Place Historical Marker at Liberty Tree at Courthouse
 - e) Letter to State Representative Concerning HB 1315 - **ADDED**
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met February 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 Bennett 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 move item 13d) Credit for Experience Magistrate Court to item 8 Reports by Constitutional Officers & Department Heads and add 13d) John Benson Chapter, NSDAR Approval to Place Historical Marker at Courthouse and 13e) Letter to State Representatives Concerning HB 1315. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
02/10/2026 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 02/10/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown 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
Chief Magistrate Judge Thomas Jordan – Credit for Experience

Jason Spencer, Public Works Director gave an update on the InfraHub software. He stated the data collection for the road study will begin next week and should be completed by mid-May.

Commissioner Bennett moved to grant 8 years of credit for experience for new hire Taylor Burnett at the Magistrate Court. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Terrell Partain announced the County's website is in the process of being updated by Robbie Taylor from the Tax Assessors Office.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer congratulated County Attorney Kim Higginbotham on her selection for the Hart County Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Women in Business award. He also asked the community to support John Moore, a paramedic, and his family through thoughts, prayers, and fundraising as he faces health challenges.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett also expressed congratulations to County Attorney Kim Higginbotham and sympathy for John Moore and family.

Commissioner Teasley expressed his gratitude to County Attorney Kim Higginbotham and thanked the Chamber for their dedicated work for the County. He also announced his intention to seek reelection in the upcoming County Commission race.

Commissioner Brown congratulated County Attorney Kim Higginbotham on her achievement; announced that he will not be seeking reelection in the upcoming County Commission race.

Commissioner Dorsey met with representatives from Vanna Methodist Church and the Fire Department. They discussed the need to install additional water lines in the Royston area and echoed the same sentiments concerning John Moore.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Water and Sewer Authority Board Appointments

Commissioner Teasley moved to reappoint the existing board members Patti York, Bennie Harper and Marvin Justice to the Water and Sewer Authority Board (Term expires 3/1/2030). Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Brown abstained.

b) Legacy Link FY27 Commitment Letter

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve and allow Chairman Sayer to sign the Legacy Link FY 27 Commitment Letter. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Open Records / Open Meetings Training

No Action

d) Additional Staff / Programs in Recreation Department Discussion

Commissioner Brown moved to expand the programs offered by the Recreation Department as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Location for March 12, 2026 City / County Meeting

No Action

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) City of Hartwell Annexation of Parcels I69F 008, I69F 007, I69F 006, I69F 005, I69F 005 006, I69F 005 006A, and I69F 005 007

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the annexation of commercial parcels I69F 008, I69F 007, I69F 006, I69F 005, I69F 005 006, I69F 005 006A, and I69F 005 007 into the City of Hartwell. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- b) Consideration of Accepting Deer Creek Farm Road (4 Property Owners) into County System

No Action Taken

- c) Level II Subdivision Approval Drifting Oaks Subdivision (Phase I) (Old 29 Hwy) Doug Mauk, Owner

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the Level II Subdivision Drifting Oaks Subdivision. Chairman Sayer provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- d) Credit for Experience Magistrate Court – **MOVED to 8**

John Benson Chapter, NSDAR Approval to Place Historical Marker at Liberty Tree on Courthouse Grounds – **ADDED**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the John Benson Chapter, NSDAR request to place a historical marker at the Liberty Tree on the Courthouse grounds. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

- e) Letter to State Representative Concerning HB 1315 - **ADDED**

Commissioner Dorsey moved to authorize Attorney Kim Higginbotham to draft a letter to State Representatives concerning HB 1315. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

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

16. Adjournment

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

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk