



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday July 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)
06/23/2026 Joint City County Meeting
06/23/2026 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Public Works Director, Jason Spencer Report
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Surplus Paving Equipment
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Credit for Experience Sheriff Office
 - b) Credit for Experience EMS – **ADDED**
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met July 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

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

1. PRAYER

Chairman Sayer 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 Brown moved to amend and approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

06/23/2026 Joint City County Meeting
06/23/2026 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 06/23/2026 Joint City County Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the 6/23/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

County Attorney Kim Higginbotham gave an update on the TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities. Announced that Hart County is now #1 in the state for agricultural. Thanked County Administrator Terrell Partain for tremendous job he did to coordinate to help get people and businesses water after the water main break.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Director, Jason Spencer Report

Public Works Director Jason Spencer stated that all reports were included in the packet. Commissioner Dorsey asked when road striping information would be available, and Mr. Spencer said it should be ready by next month's meeting.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Terrell Partain provided an update on the water main break, stating that service should be restored within the next 12 hours. He thanked Hart County firefighters, the City of Royston Fire Department, Sandy Springs Fire Department, Elbert County Fire Department, Rose Acres, and others who assisted.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer thanked the counties, cities, and individuals who assisted with the water line break. He noted that one of the primary concerns he heard from citizens was the lack of communication, particularly regarding an estimated time of completion.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett echoed Chairman Sayer's remarks regarding those assisting with the water line break and the need for improved communication. He thanked all public safety workers, county employees, County Administrator Terrell Partain, and County Attorney Kim Higginbotham for all that they do for the County and recognized the senior league softball team and the 8U and 10U teams for their wins.

Commissioner Brown thanked the volunteer firefighters for assisting with the water line break and also recognized William and Chad Tucker, who stopped what they were doing to help during the emergency. He stated that the water authority's communication and lack of emergency planning were unacceptable and said he would like to see a solution.

Commissioner Dorsey stated that the Board has limited control over the Water Authority but has received numerous calls and emails about the water line break. He said he still has many unanswered questions and wants to know what fail-safe measures will be put in place to prevent this from happening again. He strongly emphasized that the Board has never denied emergency services anything they needed and said he is tired of hearing otherwise.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Surplus Paving Equipment

Commissioner Dorsey moved to withdraw the asphalt spreader, vibratory rollers and the 10-wheel roller from the surplus list.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Credit For Experience Sheriff Office

Commissioner Brown moved to grant Sheriff Office new hire Allison Fleming, with 8 years of experience. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Credit for Experience EMS – **ADDED**

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant EMS new hire Cheyenne Ratliff 2 years of experience and make it retroactive to the full-time date of hire. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate

Commissioner Brown moved to exit the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session Litigation – Personnel – Real Estate. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Brown moved to exit Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 4-0.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lisa Evans, County Clerk