



Hart County Board of Commissioners
August 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Emergency Services and Administration Building

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3. CALL TO ORDER
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07/22/2025 Regular Minutes
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 - a) Bid Award 25 (2nd) Road Paving
 - b) Bid Award Jail Health Services
 - c) NEGA Animal Shelter Agreement (updated)
 - d) Permission to Solicit Bids for Rec Basketball Uniforms
 - e) Permission to Solicit Bids for the FY25 GDOT Safety Grant work that has been approved
 - f) Equine Fireworks Ordinance (to comply with HB 614) 2nd Reading - **ADDED**
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Approval of Command Vehicle Purchase (EMA)
 - b) Resolution for GDOT Grant Application for FY'27
 - c) Repair and Remodeling of AVITA Offices (Opioid Funds)
 - d) Credit for Experience Sheriff Office
 - e) Plat Approval – Willie Jackson - **ADDED**
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HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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6:00 P.M.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met August 12, 2025 at the Hart County Administrative and Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown, and Joey Dorsey present at the meeting.

1. PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Brown

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 via in person, HTC and YouTube.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Brown moved to approve and amend the agenda to add 12f) Equine Fireworks Ordinance (to comply with HB 614) 2nd Reading; 13e) Plat Approval – Willie Jackson. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

7/22/2025 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the 7/22/2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES

Hartwell Mainstreet, Annual Scarecrow Event

DDA Program Coordinator, requested use of the Courthouse grounds for the Annual Scarecrow Event during the month of October.

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Hartwell Mainstreet's Annual Scarecrow Event on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

None

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator, Terrell Partain gave the financial report for July; update on Tipping Fee revenues since the fees were increased on non-Hart County residents.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Sayer congratulated the Senior League Softball girls who represented Hart County in the Senior League Softball World Series.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett also thanked those who played in the Senior League Softball tournament; thanked county employees.

Commissioner Teasley echoed Chairman Sayer and Commissioner Bennett's sentiments to the players and coaches of the Senior League Softball girls' team; thanked all county employees and Sheriff Department for all the work they do.

Commissioner Brown echoed congratulations to the Senior League Softball players and coaches on their accomplishments, hard work, and dedication.

Commissioner Dorsey echoed the same sentiments to the Senior League Softball players, coaches, parents, and business sponsors; Hwy 51 in Bowersville at the railroad crossing will be closed tomorrow night for railroad repair.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Bid Award 25 (2nd) Road Paving

Commissioner Dorsey moved to award the 25 (2nd) Road Paving bid to Stratton and Sons Const., Inc as per County Administrator, Terrell Partain's recommendation. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Brown abstained.

b) Bid Award Jail Health Services

Commissioner Dorsey moved to award the Jail Health Services bid to CorrCare, as per County Administrator Partain and Sheriff Carroll's recommendation. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) NEGA Animal Shelter Agreement (updated)

No Action Taken

d) Permission to Solicit Bids for Rec Basketball Uniforms

No Action Taken

e) Permission to Solicit Bids for the FY 25 GDOT Safety Grant work that has been approved

Commissioner Dorsey moved to grant the request based upon County Administrator Partain's recommendation to put the FY 25 GDOT Safety Grant work out for bid. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

f) Equine Fireworks Ordinance (to comply with HB 614) 2nd Reading – **ADDED**

Commissioner Bennett moved to accept the 2nd Reading of the Equine Fireworks Ordinance (to comply with HB 614). Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Approval of Command Vehicle Purchase (EMA)

Chairman Sayer moved to approve the purchase of a Command Vehicle for EMA. Commissioner Bennett provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

b) Resolution for GDOT Grant Application FY 27

Commissioner Dorsey moved to adopt the Resolution for the GDOT Transit Grant for FY27, authorizing County Administrator Partain to sign. Commissioner Brown provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

c) Repair and Remodeling of AVITA Offices (Opioid Funds)

Commissioner Bennett moved to use Opioid Funds for remodeling and repairs to the AVITA offices pending approval by County Attorney, Kim Higginbotham. Commissioner Dorsey provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

d) Credit for Experience – Sheriff Department

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve 6 years of credit for experience to new hire Nicholas Gabriel retro to his date of hire. Commissioner Teasley provided a second. The motion carried 5-0.

e) Plat Approval – Willie Jackson – **ADDED**

No Action Taken

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Jackson, Big Hart Farm LLC, 208 Martin Norman Pl, Hartwell, GA came before the Board to request clarification on a letter she received from the Tax Assessors office. The letter stated that selling any products not produced on the property or allowing outside vendors to sell products on the property even during agritourism events would create a breach of the Conservation Use Valuation Assessment that is on the farm.

Commissioner Dorsey explained that he had tried to reach the Department of Revenue concerning this issue but was not able to get an answer. He stated that answers would need to come from the DOR.

County Attorney, Kim Higginbotham, stated that the Board of Assessors will be meeting on this issue.

Chairman Sayer expressed that the Board of Commissioners can not interpret the law.

A citizen expressed concerns about AI usage.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel - Real Estate

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