

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Called Meeting June 8, 2026

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met for a called meeting on June 8, 2026, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Present were Board Members Wade Carlton, Patti York, Larry Haley, Marvin Justice and Bennie Harper. Also present were Legal Counsel Kim Higginbotham and Director Pat Goran.

Chairman Carlton called the meeting to order.

A motion to enter executive session for personnel was made by Patti York. Bennie Harper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to exit executive session and enter into regular session was made by Larry Haley. Marvin Justice seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to accept the resignation of Pat Goran was made by Patti York. Marvin Justice seconded the motion. After discussion, the Board voted 4 to 1 to accept the resignation with Larry Haley dissenting.

Bennie Harper then made a motion to pay former county clerk Lawana Kahn the same pay rate as she had with the county upon her retirement which was seconded by Patti York. Discussion was had as to the Board's appreciation of all of Kahn's efforts to assist the Water Authority during this time. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to offer a package for a skilled experienced finance employee as discussed in executive session by Patti York, seconded by Bennie Harper, with the authorization for counselor Higginbotham and Vice Chair York to extend an offer of employment, the motion passed 3 to 2 with Marvin Justice and Larry Haley dissenting.

A second motion was made to offer moving assistance to said potential employee up to \$5,000.00 by Patti York, seconded by Bennie Harper. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Marvin Justice and Larry Haley dissenting.

A motion was made to hire a consulting interim director by contract at \$50.00 per hour by Patti York, seconded by Bennie Harper. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was made regarding the annual water quality report and the additional assistance from EMI which will be necessary.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marvin Justice, seconded by Larry Haley. The motion passed unanimously.

Wade Carlton, Chairman