

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 ♦ 7:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at approximately 7:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Barry Fleming
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

3. Invocation

Pastor James Kilgore of New Life Outreach Christian Center gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Paul Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zoning Public Hearing

5. Request by Aaron Burgess, agent for James Mauldin, to rezone .53 acres (23,182 sq. ft.) from C-1 to C-2 at 841 Harmony Road [Map 102A, Part of Parcel 173, District 3]

Nathan Hyde spoke in support of the rezoning request. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Staff recommendation was for approval to rezone .53 acres (23,182 sq. ft.) at 841 Harmony Road from C-1 to C-2 with the following conditions: 1.) This rezoning shall be conditional upon the resurveying and recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165 (e)(3) of Putnam County Code of Ordinances, (2) this parcel cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel and must be combined with the adjacent C-2 parcel (Map 102A, Parcel 168).

Motion to approve the request by Aaron Burgess, agent for James Mauldin, to rezone .53 acres (23,182 sq. ft.) at 841 Harmony Road from C-1 to C-2 with the following conditions: 1.) This rezoning shall be conditional upon the resurveying and recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165 (e)(3) of Putnam County Code of Ordinances, (2) this parcel cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel and must be combined with the adjacent C-2 parcel (Map 102A, Parcel 168).

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

None

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - October 2, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

8. Discussion and possible action on Revision of the General Guidelines for use of County Property (KI)

Attorney Fleming reviewed the proposed changes to the General Guidelines for use of County Property.

The following individuals offered comments:

- Karen Henry Garrett commented on her previous uses and the first round of changes made to the guidelines.
- Sarah Maslayak commented against the restrictions placed on the use of the courthouse and the \$100 fee with no refund.
- James Kilgore commented that he wants to make sure constitutional rights are not being violated.
- Troy Daniel thanked the board for the proposed changes and commented that the protests he attended were peaceful and left clean.
- David Erickson commented that he appreciates the board removing prohibitions but is still against the fees.
- Richard Garrett distributed a handout and gave a power point presentation.

Sheriff Howard Sills clarified that he has never prohibited anyone from speaking or engaging in events on the courthouse lawn, that is beyond his authority except when it comes to the operation of the courts or other constitutional offices and business in the courthouse. He also explained that county ordinances can't be enforced in the city limits.

Attorney Fleming reiterated that county ordinances are for the unincorporated areas of the county and that Georgia law requires the sheriff to protect and keep order in and around the courthouse, that is a statutory responsibility.

Motion to approve the Revised General Guidelines for use of County Property with one change: increase the fee to \$150 with \$50 refundable upon a clean inspection report after the event.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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9. Appointments to the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board (staff-CC)

Chairman Webster explained that there are two vacancies on the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board.

Commissioner Sharp, seconded by Commissioner Brown, nominated Gail Farmer for appointment to the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board.

Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, nominated Patricia Hurt for appointment to the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board.

No further nominations were made.

Chairman Webster called for the vote. Commissioner Irvin voted for Gail Farmer and Patricia Hurt. Commissioner Brown voted for Gail Farmer and Patricia Hurt. Commissioner Sharp voted for Gail Farmer and Patricia Hurt.

10. Consideration of renaming Tanglewood Road in District Three (BS)

Motion to rename Tanglewood Road in District Three to Hazelwood Drive.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

11. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution and Quit Claim Deeds for the abandoned portion of Little-Minton Road (staff-CA)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution and Quit Claim Deeds for the abandoned portion of Little-Minton Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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12. Authorization for staff to schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) (staff-P&D)

Motion to authorize the staff to schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) for December 4, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Reports/Announcements

13. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute distributed copies of a report that Putnam General Hospital submits to the state every year. He advised that it is interesting data and asked the board to please look it over.

14. County Attorney Report

No report, but Attorney Fleming requested an Executive Session.

15. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: thanked the County Manager for all the work done for the LPGA tournament which starts on October 22, 2020.

Chairman Webster: reminded the commissioners that the County Manager had asked for the LMIG requests by tonight but that deadline is being extended until close of business tomorrow. He also commented that the new parking lot looks real good and thanked to the Public Works department for cleaning up the piles of dirt so quickly.

Executive Session

16. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Litigation.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting closed at approximately 8:05 p.m.

17. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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Meeting reopened at approximately 8:39 p.m.

18. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

County Attorney Fleming reported that three legal matters were discussed with no final action taken.

Closing

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman