# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



# 117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ◊ Eatonton, GA 31024

# Called Meeting Minutes Friday, August 26, 2022 ◊ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Called Meeting on Friday, August 26, 2022 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

#### **PRESENT**

Chairman Billy Webster Commissioner Gary McElhenney Commissioner Daniel Brown Commissioner Bill Sharp Commissioner Jeff Wooten

#### STAFF PRESENT

County Clerk Lynn Butterworth Finance Director Linda Cook

### **Opening**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page .)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (JW)

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Called Meeting**

3. Approval of FY23 Budget and Authorization for Chairman to sign 2023 Budget Resolution (staff-CM & Fin)

Finance Director Cook thanked the board for their hard work and cooperation with the budget and for the cost-of-living raises, starting October 1, for the employees.

Motion to approve the FY23 Budget as depicted on the screens and in the meeting package and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2023 Budget Resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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Amended motion to add \$150,000 to the FY23 Budget for the Putnam Development Authority.

Amended motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Vote on amended motion:

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Sharp** 

Voting Nay: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

#### **Vote on original motion:**

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

## **Closing**

ATTEST:

## 4. Adjournment

Commissioner Wooten thanked Finance Director Cook and County Manager Van Haute for their work to guide the board in the right direction and thanked Chairman Webster for laying out the groundwork and making the process more understandable and taking the time to talk to all the department heads.

Commissioner McElhenney echoed the comments of Commissioner Wooten and expressed appreciation to Chairman Webster for taking the lead on the budget process.

Commissioner Sharp echoed all the previous comments and added that the staff has done an incredible job and Chairman Webster provided good guidance. He also commented that he supports the hospital.

Commissioner Brown thanked God for blessings on Putnam County and its citizens and asked for continued guidance and blessings.

Chairman Webster expressed appreciation for the kind words and thanked the department heads who gave up a fair amount to not have a tax increase. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:14 a.m.

Lynn Butterworth	Billy Webster
County Clerk	Chairman

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