

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on May 15, 2018 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia

PRESENT

Chairman Stephen Hersey
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Alan Foster
Commissioner Trevor Addison

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Assistant County Manager Lisa Jackson
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Ms. Cynthia Wallace.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

Zoning Public Hearing

4. Request by Teleworld Solutions, agent for Lamar Billboard/Sprint Spectrum, LP for a telecommunications tower conditional use at 1010 Greensboro Road; Presently zoned C-1 [Map 103, Parcel 005] (staff-P&D)

Mr. John Milisitz of Teleworld Solutions spoke in support of this request and answered questions. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval.

Motion to approve request by Teleworld Solutions, agent for Lamar Billboard/Spring Spectrum, LP for a for telecommunications antenna conditional use at 1010 Greensboro Road identified as Map 103, Parcel 005.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

5. Request by Nathan Mason to rezone 9.49 acres at 142 Halls Road from AG-1 to R-1 [Map 033, Parcel 052] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Nathan Mason spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following condition:

(1) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the request by Nathan Mason to rezone 9.49 acres at 142 Halls Road from AG-1 to R-1 identified as Map 033, Parcel 052 with the following condition: (1) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

6. Request by Connie Covington to rezone 5 acres at 122 Denham Road from AG-1 to R-1 [Map 074, Parcel 052] (staff-P&D)

Ms. Connie Covington spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following condition:

(1) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the request by Connie Covington to rezone 5 acres at 122 Denham Road from AG-1 to R-1 identified as Map 074, Parcel 052 with the following condition: (1) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Foster.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

7. Request by William Pettit, agent for Mary Katherine Lucius, Executrix to rezone 1.24 acres at 883 Harmony Road from C-1 to C-2 [Map 102D, Parcel 039] (staff-P&D)

Ms. Ashley Goodroe of Coldwell Banker spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following condition:

(1) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the request by William Pettit, agent for Mary Katherine Lucius, Executrix to rezone 1.24 acres at 883 Harmony Road from C-1 to C-2 identified as Map 102D, Parcel 039 with the following condition: (1) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon

the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison.

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Foster (due to his wife and Ms. Goodroe working at the same company).

8. Request by Robert H. Blount, agent for Jack Pierce to rezone 3.71 acres at 906 Crooked Creek Road from AG-1 to R-2 [Map 110, Part of Parcel 060] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Hugh Blount and Mr. Jack Pierce spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following conditions: (1) the 3.71 acres must be combined with the adjacent parcels: Map 110B Parcel 125, Map 114A Parcel 004, Map 114A Parcel 005 and Map 114A Parcel 006, (2) the 3.71 acres cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel, and (3) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the request by Robert H. Blount, agent for Jack Pierce to rezone 3.71 acres at 906 Crooked Creek Road from AG-1 to R-2 identified as Map 110, Part of Parcel 060 with the following conditions: (1) the 3.71 acres must be combined with the adjacent parcels: Map 110B Parcel 125, Map 114A Parcel 004, Map 114A Parcel 005 and Map 114A Parcel 006, (2) the 3.71 acres cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel, and (3) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

Regular Business Meeting

9. Public Comments

None

10. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Addison requested to add an item to the agenda: "Discussion in regard to leasing the North Jefferson water line to EPWSA."

Motion to approve the agenda as modified.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

11. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - May 4, 2018 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - May 4, 2018 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - May 4, 2018 Work Session (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

12. Appointments to the Putnam Development Authority (staff-CC)

Nominated Bill Sharp & Ed Waggoner to serve on the Putnam Development Authority.

Nomination made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting: Chairman Hersey: Bill Sharp & Ed Waggoner, Commissioner Irvin: Bill Sharp & Ed Waggoner, Commissioner Brown: Bill Sharp & Ed Waggoner, Commissioner Foster: Bill Sharp & Ed Waggoner, Commissioner Addison: Bill Sharp & Ed Waggoner.

13. Authorization for Chairman to sign Agreement between Putnam County and Piedmont Water Company (SH)

Mr. Jerry Shaifer spoke to clarify the record. He recently served on a long-range planning committee and one of the goals was to get high quality water to all of Putnam County.

Commissioner Foster frequently asked him how to accomplish this goal and he explained that the costs of extending pipes and water costs were the main factors stopping expansion. He met with Chairman Hersey and Commissioner Foster to discuss the situation and a proposal was put on the table which he accepted. Mr. Shaifer explained that it would take more than just pipe to make this happen and he anticipates the cost to be around \$1.8M, which will create a significant negative cash flow for Piedmont. Piedmont Water had this water line in their 20-year plan for around 6 years from now, but is willing to go forward now to do what's best for the county.

Chairman Hersey explained that this is a partnership not just a matter of selling water or making money for the county. He advised that he spoke with EPWSA about the possibility of them doing the agreement instead of the county. This alternative is acceptable to Mr. Shaifer and members of EPWSA have expressed an interest in doing so. Chairman Hersey further advised that a similar agenda item is on the EPWSA agenda for tomorrow. He would like to withdraw this item from the BOC agenda at this time with the freedom to bring it back pending the decision of the EPWSA board at tomorrow's meeting. No objections were made to the withdrawal.

13.1 Discussion in regard to leasing the North Jefferson water line to EPWSA

Commissioner Addison commented that he originally thought EPWSA could not do an agreement with Piedmont Water (previous item) but believes it does belong with them not the county. He also said he was originally told this new proposed agreement would not change the terms of an existing agreement with Piedmont, but this new revision does do that. Commissioner Addison asked the County Attorney if we will have to lease the North Jefferson water line to EPWSA if they approve a contract with Piedmont Water. County Attorney Nelson advised that a lease agreement would be appropriate or the BOC can transfer ownership of the water line to EPWSA. Some type of document will be needed because both Piedmont and EPWSA will want assurance of the use of that water line. Chairman Hersey gave instructions to the County

Attorney to prepare a lease agreement for the North Jefferson water line, between Putnam County and EPWSA, to bring back to the board at the next meeting, if EPWSA makes an agreement with Piedmont Water. No action was taken.

Reports/Announcements

14. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reminded everyone that the Kiwanis Celebrate Patriotism program is Thursday, May 17th on the Courthouse lawn.

15. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Nelson advised that he will confer with EPWSA's attorney Mr. John Nix and get started on a lease agreement for the North Jefferson water line as quickly as possible.

16. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: commented about an email sent by Sheriff Sills about Peace Officer Memorial Day. He expressed his appreciation for the officers who are on the front lines and asked if we could do something next year to show our appreciation.

Commissioner Foster: reminded everyone about the Celebrate Patriotism event on May 17th and about the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Wall of Honor Park, and the charity BBQ lunch event at the Harmony Community Center on May 28th.

Commissioner Addison: advised that National EMS week is next week and expressed his gratitude to all our first responders.

Chairman Hersey: none

Closing

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman