

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on September 19, 2017 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Barry Fleming
County Manager Paul Van Haute
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.

4. Proclamation - 4H Shotgun Team

A proclamation was presented to the Putnam County 4H Shotgun Team. (Copy of proclamation made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Mr. Billy Webster congratulated and thanked the county employees that worked hard on the clean-up following Hurricane Irma.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - September 8, 2017

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the September 8, 2017 minutes. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

8. Approval of LMIG "Off System Safety Enhancement" Project List

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the LMIG "Off System Safety Enhancement" project list as show in the meeting package. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of list made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

9. Approval of FY18 Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Addison to adopt the FY18 budget to include changes as outlined in the District Four proposal.

Motion ruled out of order by Chairman Hersey. Commissioner Addison challenged the Chairman's decision to the County Attorney. County Attorney Fleming ruled the motion is in order.

Commissioner Addison's motion seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Motion amended by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to include a 3% COLA across the board plus 2% extra to deputies and detectives, an additional \$50,190 for an EMT/Paramedic position and an addition to the Revenues of a 15% increase in fees at Recreation and the Golf Course. Motion failed with Commissioner Foster and Chairman Hersey voting yes and Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Addison voting no.

Meeting recessed at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 7:56 p.m.

Commissioner Addison amended his original motion to include authorizing the Chairman to sign the Budget Resolution. Commissioner Irvin confirmed his second to the motion. There were no objections to the amendment and the Chairman accepted the amended motion.

Original motion as amended carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Addison voting yes and Commissioner Foster and Chairman Hersey voting no. (Copy of resolution and budget made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Thanked county staff for their hard work following Hurricane Irma
- Thanked Finance Director Cook and her staff for their work on the budget

11. County Attorney Report

No report

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Hersey: none

Closing

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman