

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Thursday, October 5, 2017 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on October 5, 2017 at approximately 9:00 AM 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 9:00 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Called Meeting

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the DATE (Drug Abuse Education and Treatment) funds

Sheriff Howard Sills signed in to speak and explained what the DATE funds are and that he doesn't have control over that money. He further explained that these funds are different from the drug seizure and forfeiture money that he does control and use for only legal law enforcement concerns. He advised that his office did run a DARE program from 1999-2012 and that the DATE money funded a portion of the officer's salary and vehicle, but did not cover everything. Clerk of Court Sheila Perry signed in to answer any questions. She advised that she collects the funds and remits the money monthly to the Finance Department.

Chairman Hersey proposed to appoint a DATE Funds Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the County Manager as to appropriate expenditures from the DATE funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to authorize the Chairman to create a committee of professionals and citizens of Putnam County at his discretion to review expenditures of DATE funds and bring recommendations back to the board of commissioners on how they may be spent in the best way.

Amended motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to also suspend further expenditures of FY18 DATE funds until hearing from the committee. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Original motion as amended carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Closing

3. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman