

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Daniel Brown (arrived late)
Commissioner Bill Sharp
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

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 6:30 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation –

Pastor David Wofford, Eatonton 1st United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (DB)

Mr. Rufus Adair of The Eatonton Messenger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Zoning Public Hearing

5. Request by North Georgia Marine, agent for Tempy Sharp to rezone 2.95 acres at 820 Harmony Road from AG to C-2 [Map 097, Part of Parcel 033, District 1] (staff-P&D) Mr. Duncan Criscoe spoke in support of this request for Mr. Lance Markum, of North Georgia Marine, who was unable to attend due to illness. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning and Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following conditions:

1. The developer shall develop and maintain a 50-foot undisturbed buffer or berm along the property lines that abut Map 097, Parcel 033 as stated in Section 66-107(g) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.
2. This parcel cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel and must be combined with the proposed portion of the adjacent C-2 parcel currently identified as Map 097 Parcel 066005.
3. This rezoning approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 120 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the request by North Georgia Marine, agent for Tempy Sharp, to rezone 2.95 acres at 820 Harmony Road from AG to C-2 [Map 097, part of Parcel 033] with the following conditions:

1. **The developer shall develop and maintain a 50-foot undisturbed buffer or berm along the property lines that abut Map 097, Parcel 033 as stated in Section 66-107(g) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.**
2. **This parcel cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel and must be combined with the proposed portion of the adjacent C-2 parcel currently identified as Map 097 Parcel 066005.**
3. **This rezoning approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 120 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Wooten**

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments
None

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7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - December 2, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
 - b. Approval of Minutes - December 2, 2022 Executive Session (staff-CC)
 - c. Approval of 2023 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

(Copy of alcohol licenses made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

8. Requests for Right-of-Way Permits (Utility) (staff-PW)
 - a. Windstream Georgia - Burtom Road SW, Shoals Point, Anchor Point Drive, Franklin Drive, Twilight Shores Road, Twilight Shores Drive, McDade Road, Southland Lane, Landing Drive, Southland Drive
 - b. Georgia Windstream - Twin Bridges Road

Public Works Foreman Anthony Frazier answered questions and advised that Shoals Point was not a county road and would need to be removed from the permit.

Motion to approve the request from Windstream Georgia for a Right-of-Way Permit for Burtom Road SW, Anchor Point Drive, Franklin Drive, Twilight Shores Road, Twilight Shores Drive, McDade Road, Southland Lane, Landing Drive, and Southland Drive and to approve the request from Georgia Windstream for a Right-of-Way Permit for Twin Bridges Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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9. Request for Right-of-Way Permit - Tom Frey - Lakemore Drive (staff-PW)

Mr. Tom Frey spoke in support of his request.

Tim Pierson spoke in support of this request and encouraged updating the Code of Ordinances.

Motion to deny the request by Tom Frey for a Right-of-Way Permit for Lakemore Drive.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Voting Nay: Commissioner Sharp

Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

No report

11. County Attorney Report

No report

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12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: commented on a citizen that had a problem concerning animals and called animal control, but they didn't come, due to a staff shortage. Animal Services Director Christine Tillman went, and she handled it in great way, very professional. He further commented that we have good people working for the county and we are blessed by our staff. He also expressed his appreciation for Chairman Webster handling things, adding that he taught him a lot of things and that he appreciated his leadership.

Commissioner Brown: thanked Chairman Webster for the years of education and all he has done for us and the county. He also wished a great Christmas to all.

Commissioner Sharp: echoed the comments regarding Chairman Webster and wished everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Commissioner Wooten: thanked Chairman Webster for helping him out and expressed his appreciation for his tremendous knowledge. He also wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Chairman Webster: expressed his appreciation for the retirement ceremony given for him last Friday and thanked the commissioners for the card and gift card. He mentioned that he neglected to talk about Janice Westmoreland, wife of Commissioner Westmoreland of Baldwin County and that she used to work with him at Robbins Air Force Base and went to his retirement ceremony back then and now. He also commented that he has attended 384 regular commission meetings, 50 budget sessions, and 20 called meetings; 454 meetings total. He thanked the great staff and commissioners who have supported him and wished everyone good luck in the future. He advised he will be paying attention.

13. Special Presentation

The commissioners presented a proclamation and special commemorative shadow box to Chairman Billy Webster congratulating him on his retirement from the Board of Commissioners. (Copy of proclamation made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

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Closing

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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