

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, September 7, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, September 7, 2018 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia

PRESENT

Vice Chairman Alan Foster
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Trevor Addison

ABSENT

Chairman Stephen Hersey

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

Vice Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Rev. Garland Hart of the Eatonton Presbyterian Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Foster.

Mill Rate Public Hearing

4. Presentation of Proposed 2018 Mill Rate

County Manager Van Haute reviewed the proposed 2018 Mill Rate.

5. Comments from the Public

None

6. Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Commissioner Irvin commented that he was pleased with the way the budget and mill rate process worked this year; the other commissioners thanked Commissioner Irvin for the idea to approve the budget first, then the mill rate; Commissioner Brown asked staff opinion on how the process worked and County Manager Van Haute commented that it worked fine; Commissioner Addison also thanked the staff for their hard work.

Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments

None

8. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

9. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - August 21, 2018 (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - August 31, 2018 Called Meeting (staff-CC)

c. Request from AT&T for ROW/Utility Encroachments #9RL61091NN & #9RL61089N & #9RL61090N (staff-CC)

d. Authorization for Chairman to sign Agreement for Section 5311 Transit Operating and Capital Assistance between GDOT and Putnam County (staff-Transit)

e. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT TAM Participant Accountable Executive Approval Form (staff-Transit)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

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10. Ratification of the Board of Education Mill Rate and Authorization for Chairman to sign Tax Levy Resolution (staff-Finance)

Motion to ratify the Board of Education Mill Rate an authorize the Chairman to sign the Tax Levy Resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

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11. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution setting 2018 Mill Rate for Incorporated County Maintenance and Operation (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution setting the 2018 Mill Rate for Incorporated County Maintenance and Operation.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

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12. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution setting 2018 Mill Rate for Unincorporated County Maintenance and Operation (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution setting the 2018 Mill Rate for Unincorporated County Maintenance and Operation.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

Voting Nay: Commissioner Foster

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13. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution setting 2018 Mill Rate for Special Service District (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution setting the 2018 Mill Rate for Special Service District.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster,

Commissioner Addison

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14. Awarding of Solicitation 18-36001-001 Type I Ambulance (staff-EMS)
EMS Director Brad Murphey went over the two bids that were received. He recommended awarding the bid to Taylor Made Ambulance at the price of \$129,479. He requested to purchase two ambulances at that price less a savings of \$1500 off each. County Manager Van Haute advised that there was enough money in SPLOST #8 to purchase two ambulances.

Motion to award Solicitation 18-36001-001 to Taylor Made Ambulance for two Type I ambulances at a total cost of \$255,958.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

15. Authorization for Chairman to sign updated 9-1-1 Resolutions (staff-CC)

a. Resolution Updating and Authorizing 9-1-1 Charges on Prepaid Wireless Services

b. Resolution Updating and Authorizing 9-1-1 Charges on Telephone Services and Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Charges other than Prepaid Wireless Services

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolutions updating and authorizing 9-1-1 charges on Prepaid Wireless Services and on Telephone Services and Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 charges other than Prepaid Wireless Services.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

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16. Appointments to the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board (staff-CC)

Motion to appoint Georgette Craig and Lynn Hobbs to the Eatonton-Putnam County Library Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

17. Discussion and possible action regarding GDOT Local Bridge Replacement Program for Martins Mill Road at Little River (tabled from 08-21-18 meeting)

Mr. Billy Webster commented on spending this amount of money on a bridge to nowhere.

Motion to approve the money for this project.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

18. Discussion and possible action regarding a follow-up meeting with the City of Eatonton and the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to discuss consolidation (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute explained that the MGRC is looking for dates to set up a meeting between the county and the city to discuss consolidation. Commissioner Irvin recommended Friday, October 5, 2018 and Commissioner Addison requested to receive any materials in advance. County Manager Van Haute will get back with the MGRC with this information and they will coordinate with the city. No official action taken.

19. Discussion and possible action regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Class Action (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute and County Attorney Nelson explained that this was an opportunity to join the *Kane County* class action lawsuit to recover Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT) underpayments for fiscal years 2015 – 2017.

Motion for Putnam County to join the PILT lawsuit between Kane County & the United States and authorize the Chairman and County Manager to sign all necessary documents.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Addison

Reports/Announcements

20. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that our recent ISO inspection resulted in the county maintaining our 5/5x rating.

21. County Attorney Report

None

22. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: announced that he recently attended a Braves Red Sox baseball game and that his Red Sox won.

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Hersey: absent

Executive Session

23. Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

An Executive Session was not needed.

24. Motion to reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Executive Session not held.

25. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

Executive Session not held.

Closing

26. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster,
Commissioner Addison**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman