

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## **Minutes**

**Friday, December 1, 2017 ♦ 9:00 AM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on December 1, 2017 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 9:00 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

### 2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Rev. Ford G'Segner.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Foster.

#### 4. Special Presentation - Retirement Proclamation

Retirement proclamations and watches were presented to former Chief Appraiser Charles Anglin and former EMS Director Nathan Mason. (Copy of proclamations made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

#### **Ordinances Public Hearing**

##### 5. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals) (AF)

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

Mark Willett – don't make same mistakes as Greene County, don't make ordinance too strict (distributed copies of a letter from his attorney)

Ann Laidlaw – maybe different regulations for houses on Sinclair vs. Oconee, rentals are good for the county, lack of current enforcement

Ken Harris – not in favor of rentals

Vince Maiello – neutral as far as ordinance, in favor of increasing revenue for county, make process streamlined

Tom Anderson – not in favor of rentals, ordinance doesn't address boat issues

Sylbie Yon – against rentals in R1-R zoning areas especially, might be okay to allow in RM or Commercial zoning areas, neighbors are paying the price, proposed ordinance is weak

Billy Webster – should be collecting taxes if rentals are being made, process should be a one-stop shop with Planning & Development office making more sense

Wendy Stewart – signed up but decided not to speak

Jeanne Defort – hospitality is important to county, rules should be uniform on both lakes, don't require inside inspections, create a phase-in period, exclude minor children from counts

Roddie Anne Blackwell – make process simple-something homeowners will not be afraid of and will not ignore, make it simple for renter as well as rental business

Steve Kollross – try to achieve balance, could be considered government interference with county officials in homes, complainers could complain frequently just to enforce the three strikes and you're out rule

Rob Dillard – owner's responsibility to keep property up, no objection to paying fee to register business, section 4.11 "any other items that might be needed" is too open ended

Jan Elliott – don't over restrict, keep it simple and fair

No action taken

Meeting recessed at approximately 9:52 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 10:08 a.m.

#### **Regular Business Meeting**

##### 6. Public Comments

Don Cottrell commended the Sheriff for rightfully letting go two deputies even though he is short staffed

7. 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 voting yes.**

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2017 Retreat (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2017 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- d. Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2017 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- e. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program Formula Funds for Rural Transit FY 2019 Grant Application (staff-Transit)

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison voting yes.** (Copy of application made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

9. Presentation by Advanced Disposal (staff-CM)

Mr. Jarrod Lovett, District Manager for Advanced Disposal discussed increase in costs due to increase in yard waste and options regarding convenience centers and curbside pickup. No action was taken.

10. Appointment to the Board of Assessors (staff-CC)

Mr. Don Cottrell commented on his qualifications and showed his numerous certificates.

**Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Addison, nominated Don Cottrell to serve on the Board of Assessors. Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison voted for Don Cottrell to be appointed to the Board of Assessors.**

**Reports/Announcements**

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute thanked Charles Anglin and Nathan Mason for their service. He also announced that Gayle Whitman had recently retired from the Sheriff's office and thanked her as well.

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Vice Chairman Foster commented that it was his pleasure to serve as Chairman.

**Closing**

14. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Alan Foster  
Vice Chairman