

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Joint Called Meeting

### Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 ♦ 6:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners and the Eatonton City Council met on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

#### *PRESENT*

Chairman Billy Webster  
Commissioner Gary McElhenney  
Commissioner Daniel Brown  
Commissioner Bill Sharp  
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

#### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

#### *CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT*

Mayor John Reid  
Mayor Pro Tem Chip Walker  
Councilman Bill Mangum  
Councilman James Gorley  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster  
Councilwoman Janie Reid  
City Attorney Chris Huskins  
City Administrator Gary Sanders  
City Clerk Maria Jimenez

#### **Opening**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.  
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding single county TSPLOST

Chairman Webster welcomed all and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to reauthorize a single county TSPLOST. The original one was done in 2018 for \$5M or 5 years, whichever came first, and the dollar cap is expected to be reached in June 2022, before the 5 years is up. Chairman Webster showed a chart prepared by Finance Director Cook showing the amounts collected and projected collections. There are only two chances to get a new TSPLOST on the ballot to make sure a new one is in place before the cap is reached - November 2021 or June 2022. There might be a lapse in collections if not done in November 2021. In anticipation of this, the commissioners authorized proceeding for the November 2021 ballot under the same conditions as last time and authorized County Manager Van Haute to be the point of contact for the schedule of events and working on the intergovernmental agreement. No action is expected for this meeting.

Mayor Reid commented that he appreciates the county keeping tabs on the accounting of this and attempting to renew it before it runs out. The city has not begun any work on this but plans to at the next council meeting. He looks forward to continuing this and working with all.

County Manager Van Haute reviewed the proposed timeline for TSPLOST #2 (as it will be called). The Board of Elections must have the ballot question to the ballot builders at the Secretary of State's office no later than August 29, 2021 and the call for the election must be published at least 29 days prior to the election which would be the September 30, 2021 newspaper. The county also plans to advertise all the projects in the Eatonton Messenger again. The county did 80 miles of paving and striping with TSPLOST #1. The commissioners are currently looking at road conditions and the county plans to concentrate on paving roads with TSPLOST #2. To not reach the dollar cap this time, County Manager Van Haute is proposing to raise the amount to \$23-24M for TSPLOST #2 and would like to get the IGA ironed out as soon as possible so everything is ready on time.

No official action was taken.

**Closing**

4. Adjournment

Chairman Webster adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman

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