

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, October 6, 2017 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, October 6, 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 _____.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Oconee Springs Park Manager Lonnie Campbell.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

Regular Business Meeting

4. Public Comments

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Irvin requested to add an item: "Discussion of FY19 budget adopted and voted on before 2018 millage rate"

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - September 19, 2017 (staff)
 - b. Approval of 2017 Alcohol Licenses (staff)

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of alcohol licenses made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

7. Special Presentation - Taxes, Trash, and Consolidation

Mr. Billy Webster made a presentation regarding the mill rate differences between the city and the county, the trash collection differences between the city and the county, and the insurance premium tax. No action was taken. (Copy of presentation made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Oconee Springs Park (staff)

Susan Campbell commented on the tornado damage suffered by the park earlier this year and that improvements are being made and it is looking better. She provided an update that they are reconfiguring spaces to accommodate more visitors, but are still having to turn down lots of families (35 turned away over the Labor Day holiday due to lack of space.) She advised that they would like to register the springs as an historical site and need to build a new pavilion. She showed photos of a sample pavilion and the view of the lake from the proposed new location of the pavilion. No action was taken.

Meeting recessed at approximately 9:52 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 10:07 a.m.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding BOC Retreat (KI)

Commissioner Irvin expressed his desire to hold a BOC retreat to get together to communicate and go over concerns and try to make the team as strong as possible. Several possible locations were discussed and well as the need for a facilitator. Everyone agreed on a November 17, 2017 date from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. County Manager Van Haute will check with Putnam County High School as a possible venue and will also check with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for a facilitator. No action was taken.

10. Authorization for Chairman to sign Intergovernmental Agreement for Zoning Services (staff)

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Zoning Services between the City of Eatonton and Putnam County.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to postpone this issue until the next regular meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

10a. Discussion of FY19 budget adopted and voted on before 2018 millage rate (KI) Commissioner Irvin distributed a tentative schedule prepared by Finance Director Linda Cook which is a possible way to accomplish adopting the budget before the millage rate. Chairman Hersey advised that the BOC needs to receive the proposed budget with enough time to amend it and come up with a budget ready to advertise before advertising the mill rate. Commissioner Irvin will work further with Finance Director Cook and present this again at a future meeting. No action was taken. (Copy of schedule made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Executive Session

11. Motion to Enter Executive Session as Allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if Necessary, for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Real Estate purposes. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Meeting closed at approximately 10:59 a.m.

12. Motion to Reopen Meeting and Execute Affidavit Concerning the Subject Matter of the Closed Portion of the Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to reopen the meeting and execute the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of the affidavit made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Meeting reopened at approximately 11:24 a.m.

13. Action, if any, Resulting from the Executive Session

County Attorney Fleming advised that one real estate matter was discussed during the Executive Session with no final action being taken.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to declare land parcel #053C086, also known as lot 651 Sunrise Drive, as surplus and authorize the County Manager to place that lot for sale with sealed bids and a minimum bid amount of \$7,500. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of Qpublic map made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Reports/Announcements

14. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that Advanced Disposal is considering a potential price increase centered around yard waste and debris being mixed with household trash and that they might want to talk to the commissioners sometime soon. He is also considering the use of vehicle stickers to mitigate out of county use of the recycle centers.

15. County Attorney Report
No report.

16. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Hersey: none

Closing

17. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman