

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, March 2, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, March 2, 2018 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 Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Assistant County Manager Lisa Jackson
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 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 Chairman Hersey.

4. Special Presentation - Retirement Proclamation

A retirement proclamation and watch was presented to former EMT Glenn Hurley. (Copy of proclamation made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

None

6. Approval of Agenda

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

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes - February 20, 2018 Executive Session
- c. Approval of Engagement Letter from McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC for Audit Services
- d. Approval of 2018 Permanent Caterer Alcohol License

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

8. Appointment of Chairperson of the Board of Elections and Registration

Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, nominated Charles Patten for appointment as Chairman of the Board of Elections and Registration. No other nominations received. Nomination approved with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting for Charles Patten.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding parking on Briarpatch Road

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to place no parking signs on the first 1000 feet of roadway on Briarpatch Road starting at Highway 44.

Motion amended by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to also authorize Chairman Hersey to sign the No Parking Resolution as presented. Motion as amended carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting no. (Copy of resolution made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

10. Discussion and possible action on the proposed sale of water to Piedmont Water Company
Chairman Hersey read and distributed copies of the following statement: "Today, Commissioner Foster and I, together with representatives of Piedmont Water Company propose an 'Agreement in Principle' to engage in a partnership on a project to provide processed water to a substantial portion of the Lake Oconee area of Putnam County, including the Harmony Road/Highway 44 business district. It is my firm belief that the long-standing goals of this project cannot be reasonably achieved by either party alone. The essential elements of the proposed partnership would have Putnam County provide an adequate supply of processed water while Piedmont Water Company would provide the distribution system. The partnership, based on the principles presented today, will offer substantial benefits to Piedmont Water Company, Putnam County,

and all of the residents of Putnam County. Those benefits are both financial and, perhaps more importantly, in terms of the relationship underlying this new partnership. I now ask the Putnam County Commission to offer their support and consensus, by a vote or otherwise, to have the parties proceed to a formal contract, based on the principles presented here. Said contract is to be presented to the Board for final approval.”

During discussion, one of the principals: “Piedmont shall have the right to purchase up to 400,000 gallons per day, on a monthly average” was changed to 500,000 gallons per day.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to instruct the county attorney to proceed with formation of a formal contract based on the principles outlined today and come back before the board for final approval. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

11. Approval of Revised Second Chance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Putnam County Transit

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the Revised Second Chance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Putnam County Transit as outlined in the meeting package. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of policy made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

12. 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 Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to enter Executive Session for litigation and personnel. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Meeting closed at approximately 10:14 a.m.

13. Motion to reopen meeting and Execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to reopen the meeting and executive 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 affidavit made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Meeting reopened at approximately 11:14 a.m.

14. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session
County Attorney Nelson reported that one litigation matter and one personnel matter were discussed with no final action being taken.

Reports/Announcements

15. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that on December 27, 2017, Oconee Springs Park was inspected by the Land Water Conservation branch of the Department of Natural Resources which is also a part of the National Park System. The inspection report contained several complaints of things such as flags, structures built on campers, restrooms, and boat storage. The inspection was done because in 1967, Putnam County borrowed from the LWC fund to establish Oconee Springs Park, putting us partly under their jurisdiction. The money cannot be repaid as a means to get out from under them, but they have offered their conversion process, whereby we trade property with them – similar to the Willard Fire Station situation from a few years ago. County Manager Van Haute would like to explore this possibility further.

16. County Attorney Report

No report.

17. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: still receiving litter complaints but thanked county manager and public works staff for working to get county cleaned up.

Chairman Hersey: attended Capital Conservation Day in Atlanta and reported that HR158 regarding trust funds has passed the house and is in the Senate and HB879 requiring Georgia Power to present public notice when dewatering coal ash ponds has passed the House.

Closing

18. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman