

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Work Session

Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021 ♦ 2:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Work Session on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at approximately 2:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, 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
Planning & Development Director Lisa Jackson
Public Works Director Tony Clack
Shop Foreman Anthony Frazier
Finance Director Linda Cook
Public Information Officer Stephanie McMullen
Buildings & Maintenance Technician Torrey Whittaker

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the work session to order at approximately 2:06 p.m.
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2. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)

Commissioner McElhenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. TSPLOST #2 Projects (BW)

Chairman Webster shared GDOT traffic counts on some of Putnam County's busier roads.

County Manager Van Haute gave an update on the turn lane on Dennis Station Road. The engineering is complete, but waiting on the Railroad; project is moving forward. The project will need to be advertised for 30 days and with supplies in short supply, construction time is unknown.

The board reviewed the spread sheet of each commissioner's list of proposed roads and the commissioners were asked to prioritize their roads.

Public Works Director Clack requested a pavement management software program from iWorks that will rate roads and automatically keep up with road conditions. The cost is \$85K for the first three years.

No action was taken.

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4. ARP Funding (BW)

Chairman Webster briefly explained the American Rescue Plan. Finance Director Cook distributed a handout with the information she has as of today's date. She is still waiting to get official guidance on the allowable expenditures and recommends confirming our project list with the auditors.

County Manager Van Haute reviewed some project ideas that he has been brainstorming, such as: Generators, IT/AV upgrades for the Meeting Room, Roof replacements/Solar Panels, Fire Boats, Public Works software, Cell Tower.

Maintenance Technician Whittaker reviewed some project ideas for the courthouse, such as: Rolling Cabinets for Clerk of Courts, Windows/Roof repairs, Restore or replace tile, Complete installation of LED lights, Update Video Surveillance.

Chairman Webster asked the staff and commissioners to keep thinking about ideas.

No action was taken.

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Closing

5. Adjournment

Chairman Webster adjourned the work session at approximately 3:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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