

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, June 3, 2022 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 3, 2022 at approximately 9:00 AM 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 Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation - Rev. Dr. Ford G'Segner

Rev. Dr. Ford G'Segner gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (DB)

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Mr. Steve Hersey commented on time limits for preliminary plats.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - May 25, 2022 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of 2022 Alcohol License(s) (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Wooten**

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7. Authorization for Chairman to sign the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement (staff-Fin)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement.

**Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Wooten**

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8. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Application from AT&T (staff-CM)

Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Permit Application from AT&T.

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Wooten**

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9. Approval of Surplus of Fixed Assets (staff-Fin)

Motion to approve the Surplus of Fixed Assets.

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Wooten**

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10. Appointment to the Putnam Development Authority (staff-CC)

Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner McElhenney, nominated Brice Doolittle for appointment to the Putnam Development Authority.

Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Brown, nominated Kerry Kenneth Glass for appointment to the Putnam Development Authority.

Chairman Webster called for the vote. Commissioner McElhenney voted for Brice Doolittle. Commissioner Brown voted for Brice Doolittle. Commissioner Sharp voted for Brice Doolittle. Commissioner Wooten voted for Brice Doolittle.

11. Awarding of Solicitation 22-04-21 Bethel Church Road Waterline Relocation (staff-CM)

Mr. Charlie Bridges from ESG reviewed the bids and gave his recommendation for awarding the bid to Fortis Engineering at \$349,986.61. He also explained about an alternate bid to include a jack and bore under Highway 441 for future development at an additional \$106,466.33. Mr. Bridges also advised that several years ago the county received approximately \$140,000 in utility aid from GDOT that can be used toward this project. He plans to request additional grant money from GDOT since prices have risen significantly.

Motion to award Solicitation 22-04-21 Bethel Church Road Waterline Relocation to Fortis Engineering at \$349,986.61 with the additional alternate for the Highway 441 jack & bore at \$106,466.33.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

12. Authorization for staff to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 28 (Development Regulations) (staff-CA)

Motion to authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 28 (Development Regulations).

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

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Reports/Announcements

13. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Introduced Ms. Carola Woods from the Public Works Department who recently purchased a 150KW backup generator, with only 1700 hours on it, from the Department of Administrative Services surplus website. The generator listed at \$41,211.32 and was located in Kentucky; Ms. Woods purchased it at \$3500 plus an additional \$3500 for shipping costs. Thanks Carola!
- EMS Director Brad Murphey came up to share the logistical nightmare of trying to order ambulances. He needs to get one to replace a wrecked ambulance and one new one. The good news is that the ambulance purchased last December is on its way to prebuild and we should have it in 90 to 120 days. He thanked the commissioners for their support.
- Looking at hosting a groundbreaking for the new Fire/EMS/Coroner station on perhaps July 5th. Asked the board to check their calendars and see if this a good date.
- Met recently with Piedmont Water and the staff will be asking to modify the Code of Ordinances-Chapters 28 & 32 for development regulations regarding fire protection.
- Announced that the T-shirts are in for Dairy Festival tomorrow for any that ordered one.

14. County Attorney Report

No report.

15. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: thanked employees and staff for doing a magnificent job and keeping the budget in mind.

Commissioner Brown: commented that he is looking forward to the Dairy Festival tomorrow.

Commissioner Sharp: commented that he is also looking forward to the Dairy Festival tomorrow and expressed his appreciation to the farmers.

Commissioner Wooten: commented that it is good to ride around the county and see the good work of our employees. The convenience centers are looking especially good, and he appreciates the buried dumpsters. Everything looked perfect for the Memorial Day ceremony; expressed thanks to the county employees for taking care of that event.

Chairman Webster: none

Executive Session

16. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Litigation.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

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Meeting closed at approximately 9:52 a.m.

17. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

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

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 10:45 a.m.

18. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

No action was taken.

Closing

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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