

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, December 4, 2020 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, December 4, 2020 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp

ABSENT

Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Barry Fleming
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 Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

3. Invocation

Dr. Ford G'Segner gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Cadet Jacob Gibson from the PCHS JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Special Presentations

a. JROTC Briefing

Jacob Gibson, Cody Wommack, and Alexis Huckaby from the Putnam County High School JROTC gave a special presentation. The Cadets discussed the activities and duties performed by the organization. Some of those duties include Color Guard at football games and other ceremonies, physical training, life skills and leadership.

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b. ESG/EPWSA Report

Mr. Danny Lyndall, Mr. Brice Doolittle, and Mr. John Eddlemon of ESG Operations, Inc. presented an update on the Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority.

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Code of Ordinances Public Hearing

6. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning)

Attorney Nelson introduced the proposed changes and how they came about and reviewed some of the major areas of change.

Motion #1

Motion to adopt changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) as presented by staff.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp. Seconded by Commissioner Irvin

Amendment #1 to Motion #1

Motion to amend the motion to adopt the changes to Chapter 66 presented by staff by changing 66-104(c)(4) & 66-107(c)(4): In C-1 & C-2, the proposed minimum setback from Lake Sinclair, Lake Oconee, creek or river: 65 feet.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp. Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Amendment #2 to Motion #1

Motion to amend the motion to adopt the changes to Chapter 66 presented by staff by changing 66-73(f), 66-79(g), 66-82(g), 66-84(g), 66-91(h), 66-97(g), 66-104(d), 66-107(d), & 66-113(d) in AG, R-1R, R-1, R-2, RM, RM-3, C-1, C-2, and I-M, the proposed height limitation for structures: 45 feet.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp. Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Amendment #1 to Amendment #2 to Motion #1

Motion to amend the amendment to change 66-73(f), 66-79(g), 66-82(g), 66-84(g), 66-91(h), 66-97(g) in AG, R-1R, R-1, R-2, RM, and RM-3, the proposed height limitation for structures: 35 feet from the highest point of the grade and 66-104(d), 66-107(d), 66-113(d) in C-1, C-2, and I-M, the proposed height limitation for structures: 45 feet from the highest point of the grade.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp. Seconded by Commissioner Irvin

Voting yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Action on Amendment #2 to Motion #1

Motion to approve Amendment #2 to Motion #1 as amended.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp. Seconded by Commissioner Irvin

Voting yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Amendment #3 to Motion #1

Motion to amend the motion to adopt the changes to Chapter 66 presented by staff by removing the second sentence in Sec. 66-150(c)(2)(A), and end of section add “to any other date as allowed by law.”

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin. Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Voting yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Chairman Webster
(Commissioner Sharp was out of the room).

Action on Motion #1

Motion to approve changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) as amended.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin. Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Motion #2

Motion to allow for renumbering and re-organization of the amended Code to reflect the deletions and additions adopted today.

Motion by Commissioner Irvin. Seconded by Commissioner Sharp

Voting yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments

None

(Commissioner Brown had to leave the meeting.)

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of 2021 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

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9. Authorization for Chairman to sign Agreement for Fire Service Mutual Aid (staff-Fire)
Fire Chief McClain explained the agreement and answered questions.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement for Fire Service Mutual Aid.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

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10. Approval of 2021 BOC Meeting Calendar (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the 2021 BOC Meeting Calendar as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

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Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report

No report.

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: absent

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: absent

Chairman Webster: announced that County Manager Van Haute has secured a speed limit measuring device and its first stop was on Little River Trail where from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in one day, 234 people passed by and 50% exceeded the speed limit.

Executive Session

14. 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 and Real Estate.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting closed at approximately 11:20 a.m.

15. 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 Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

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Meeting reopened at approximately 11:55 a.m.

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

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the revised Lease & Use of Facilities Agreement with The Plaza Arts Center to obtain the right to use the Center to allow the Superior and State Courts of Putnam County to conduct its operations.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

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Closing

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:59 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman