

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017 ♦ 6:30 PM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia

### *PRESENT*

Chairman Stephen Hersey  
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin  
Commissioner Alan Foster  
Commissioner Trevor Addison

### *ABSENT*

Commissioner Daniel Brown

### *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 6:30 p.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

#### 2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor James Smith, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

## **Road Abandonment Public Hearing**

### 4. Consideration of Road Abandonment - Price Road (KI)

Chairman Hersey asked Vice Chairman Foster to take over the meeting because he signed in to speak on this issue.

Chairman Hersey spoke against the abandonment of Price Road. Upon conclusion of his comments, Vice Chairman Foster yielded the meeting back to Chairman Hersey.

Mr. Andy Welch (also distributed documents), Mr. Chris Cepuran, DNR Officer Lynn Stanford Jr., and DNR Officer Bo Kelly all spoke in support of the abandonment of Price Road. (Copy of documents made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

No action was taken.

## **Regular Business Meeting**

### 5. Public Comments

Mr. Peter Crockett commented in support of leaving the convenience centers open. Mr. Don Cottrell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Assessors.

### 6. Approval of Agenda

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

### 7. Consent Agenda

#### a. Approval of Minutes - December 1, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison voting yes and Chairman Hersey abstaining because he was not present at the December 1, 2017 meeting.**

### 8. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy Addendum (staff-Transit)

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to authorize the Chairman to sign the GDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy Addendum. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of addendum made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)**

9. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals) (AF)

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

Mr. Chuck Ross – opposed to Alternate 1 and registration of rental property, no problem with paying hotel motel taxes (also submitted letter just prior to the meeting)

Mr. Vince Maiello – needs to fair for Lake Sinclair as well as Lake Oconee

Mr. Tom Anderson – in favor of Alternate 1 in regards to number of people allowed, need two exits per bedroom, concerned about how many bedrooms and how to determine what is a legal bedroom

Ms. Sylbie Yon – in favor of limits for the number of occupants to the house, don't make Putnam a "renters" designation, rentals shouldn't be allowed in R-1R, make sure bedrooms are "legal"

Ms. Jeanne Dufort – renting a house doesn't necessarily make it a business, opposed to Alternate 1 text regarding occupants, in agreement with excluding minor children from occupancy count, enforce nuisance rules, uniform enforcement throughout Putnam County

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Chairman Hersey, to approve changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals) to include Alternate 1.**

Meeting recessed at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:58 p.m.

**Motion by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Chairman Hersey, to postpone this item until the next meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin and Foster and Chairman Hersey voting yes and Commissioner Addison voting no.**

10. Consideration of ACCG-IRMA Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Program (staff-Finance & Fire)

a. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund

b. Authorization for Chairman to sign ACCG-IRMA Firefighter Cancer Coverage Application and Participation Agreement

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution authorizing participation in the ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident and Disability Fund and authorize the Chairman to sign the ACCG-IRMA Firefighter Cancer Coverage application and participation agreement. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of documents made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)**

11. Recommendation for Appointment to the Region 5 Emergency Medical Services Council (staff-CC)

**Motion by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to recommend Brad Murphey for appointment to the Region 5 Emergency Medical Services Council. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

12. Appointment to the Board of Health (staff-CC)

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Chairman Hersey, to appoint Dr. Thomas Brown to the Board of Health. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

13. Approval of 2018 BOC Meeting Schedule (staff-CC)

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the 2018 BOC meeting schedule. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.** (Copy of schedule made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

14. Approval of LMIG Projects (staff-CM)

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the LMIG Project List with two changes: remove Texas Chapel Road and add striping on Union Chapel Road from Highway 441 to Godfrey Road (District 1). Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.** (Copy of list made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

15. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution in support of HR158 (SH)

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the Resolution in support of HR 158 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.** (Copy of resolution made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

### **Reports/Announcements**

16. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reminded all that a Resolution was approved last March to request our Redevelopment Powers and this will go to General Assembly next year and if approved will also need to be approved by the voters; it will not be able to take effect until at least January 1, 2019. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

17. County Attorney Report

No report.

18. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: commented that he has enjoyed working with everyone this year and has learned a lot and he wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Commissioner Brown: absent

Commissioner Foster: announced that 12 brand new park grills were donated to the county by a local homeowner's association

Commissioner Addison: commented that he was honored to serve beside everyone this past year and he wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chairman Hersey: commented "God bless us everyone"

**Closing**

19. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey  
Chairman