

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, July 2, 2021 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, July 2, 2021 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 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 9:00 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 - Dr. Ford G'Segner

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Chairman Webster recognized Interim Economic Development Director Pat Topping and Mr. Topping introduced the new Executive Director of the PDA, Mr. Matt Poyner.

Zoning Public Hearing

5. Appeal by Josh & Lauren Sprayberry against a decision made by the Planning & Zoning Commission denying a rear setback variance for 149 Mags Path (staff-P&D)
County Attorney Fleming reviewed the Public Hearing rules.

Chairman Webster read the Planning & Development recommendation which was for denial of a 30-foot rear yard setback variance being 35 feet from the nearest point to the lake at 149 Mags Path [Map 104A, Parcel 102].

Mr. Doug Dillard spoke on behalf of the applicant and distributed documents. Mr. Cody Hale spoke in support of the appeal. Mr. Josh Sprayberry spoke in support of the appeal and had several display boards showing some other properties in Putnam County with pools close to the lake.

Ms. Kristie McLeod spoke against the variance request and showed two photos. Ms. Kathy Wardlaw spoke against the variance request.

Mr. Dillard used the remainder of his time for rebuttal.

Motion to overturn the decision made by the Planning & Zoning Commission and grant the rear setback variance request of 35 feet from water for 149 Mags Path.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Motion failed, therefore the decision made by the Planning & Zoning Commission denying a rear setback variance for 149 Mags Path is upheld and the variance request is denied.
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Meeting recessed at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 10:08 a.m.

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Code of Ordinances Public Hearing

- 6. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) and Chapter 18 (Buildings and Building Regulations) (staff-CA-CC-P&D)

No one signed in to speak for or against either of the proposed code changes.

Motion to adopt the changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) and Chapter 18 (Buildings and Building Regulations) with the inclusion of 15,000 square feet in Section 6-130 (b)(2).

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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Regular Business Meeting

- 7. Public Comments

None

- 8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

- 9. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit for Tim Camp (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute reviewed the request.

Motion to approve a Right-of-Way permit for Tim Camp.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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- 10. Request from Tax Commissioner to write off bad debts (TC)

Tax Commissioner Lancaster explained the request.

Motion to approve bad debt write-offs for the Tax Commissioner in the amount of \$10,244.13.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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11. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution Electing not to require Mobile Home Decals (TC & TA)

Tax Commissioner Lancaster explained the resolution.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution electing not to require mobile home decals.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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Reports/Announcements

12. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute asked Sheriff Sills to tell the board about a contract was submitted to him for the use of the courthouse for a movie production. County Attorney Fleming requested time to review the contract and suggested that the board could authorize the Chairman to sign the contract upon approval by the county attorney.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract for use of the courthouse for a movie production pending the County Attorney's approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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*Note: 07-16-2021 – County Attorney Fleming spoke with Sheriff Sills and he said the movie company decided they did not need the contract.

County Manager Van Haute wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

13. County Attorney Report

No report.

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: wished everyone a great 4th of July with the hope for no firework fires.

Commissioner Sharp: commented God bless America.

Commissioner Wooten: commended the Public Works department for their diligent work and best wishes for their hospitalized employee and wished everyone a happy 4th.

Chairman Webster: thanked the Fire Chief for helping clean up a muddy road and thanked the Public Information Officer for keeping us up to date on all the social media platforms and wished everyone a happy 4th.

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Closing

15. 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 10:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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