

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 ♦ 6:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Alan Foster

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 Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

3. Invocation

County Attorney Barry Fleming 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. Rick Brantley commented against short term rentals and submitted an alternate draft ordinance for consideration.

Mr. Charles Trumbo offered thanks for repainting the lines on Napier Road and applauded County Attorney Fleming for issues he dealt with last weekend.

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6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - June 2, 2023 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - June 2, 2023 Work Session (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Foster.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

7. Request for Right-of-Way Permit by Tri-County EMC for work to be done on the right-of-way of Flat Rock Road (staff-PW)

Mr. Justin Strickland from Tri-County EMC explained the request and answered questions.

Motion to approve the request for a Right-of-Way Permit by Tri-County EMC for work to be done on the right-of-way of Flat Rock Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

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8. Appointment to the Oconee Community Service Board (staff-CC)

Mrs. Janie Reid was nominated for appointment to the Oconee Community Service Board.

Nomination made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea for Janie Reid: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

9. Submission of Names for Appointment to Hospital Authority Board - Post 2 (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the slate of names of Jerry Gregory, Marilyn Simon, and Richard Garrett for submission to the Hospital Authority Board for the appointment to Post 2.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

10. Authorization for staff to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (staff-CA & P&D)

Motion to authorize the staff to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning).

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

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11. Authorization for Chairman to sign ACCG Defined Benefit Resolution (staff-CM)
County Manager Van Haute explained that this reduces the county’s unfunded pension liability.
Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the ACCG Defined Benefit Resolution.
Motion made by Commissioner Foster, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster
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Reports/Announcements

12. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that the bid opening for the 2023 LMIG Resurfacing project was opened and the apparent low bidder was Pittman Construction at a little over \$1M. The technical review is currently under way.

13. County Attorney Report

No report.

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: thanked County Manager Van Haute and staff for saving money.

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: thanked County Manager Van Haute for the successful resurfacing bid on behalf of everyone who drives on Old Phoenix Road.

Commissioner Wooten: absent

Chairman Sharp: thanked County Manager Van Haute and staff for the work being done and commented on the tough upcoming budget season.

Closing

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Foster.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

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