

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## **Minutes**

**Friday, January 5, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on January 5, 2018 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia

### *PRESENT*

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

### *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 9:06 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by County Attorney Adam Nelson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

### **Regular Business Meeting**

4. Public Comments

None

5. Approval of Agenda

A request was made to change the order of the agenda by moving agenda item #13 “Discussion and possible action concerning Solid Waste” and item #8 “Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals)” up to immediately follow item #6 “Consent Agenda.”

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

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - December 19, 2017 (staff-CC)

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes and Commissioner Brown abstaining because he was absent from the December 19, 2017 meeting.**

7. Discussion and possible action concerning Solid Waste (SH)

Commissioner Addison read a joint statement from the Board of Commissioners:

“To address the public’s concerns and interest regarding the alleged intention of the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to close all Convenience Centers and to modify our current contract with Advanced Disposal to enter into a new Curbside Waste Pickup Program, the Putnam County Board of Commissioners issues the following statement: On December 1, 2017 a representative from Advanced Disposal provided a presentation to the BOC regarding our current Waste Disposal Program. Within the presentation the representative explained our current program costs will be increasing by approximately \$100,000.00. Because of this increase, the representative proposed an alternate Waste Disposal Program, which he stated, would result in a net savings for the county – the program proposed was county-wide Curbside Waste Pickup. As with all third-party contracts, especially those with substantial increases in costs, the BOC along with its staff is currently reviewing the Advanced Disposal Contract. There are many options before us, such as keeping the same program we currently have, making plan alterations and/or bidding out the contract to other waste disposal companies. All options will be thoroughly reviewed and discussed in public should the BOC decide to make any changes to the current contract.”

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

Mr. David Owens – keep garbage service as is; don’t close the centers

Mr. Ed Davis – keep the centers open

Mr. Mark Holihan – keep the centers open

Mr. Michael Langan – not in favor of closing the centers

Mike & Deborah Owens – leave the centers open; put it out for bid if a new company is needed

Mr. William Vargo – garbage trucks stopped in the road could be dangerous; convenience centers are controlled enough-contractors are dumping

Ms. Jennifer Ray – could save money by running it in house instead of using Advanced Disposal; issue passes to use the centers

No action was taken.

Meeting recessed at approximately 9:39 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at approximately 9:54 a.m.

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

There was a motion on the floor from the last meeting and this item will resume from that point: “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.”

Public Comments were received from the following individuals:

Ms. Sylbie Yon – for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time is saying that allowing rentals in R-1R is in violation of the ordinances; the number of people allowed doesn’t matter anymore; throw this proposal in the trash and start over

Mr. Mark Willet – concerned over capacity limits and the one strike you’re out portion

Mr. David Owens – not in favor of allowing short term rentals

Mr. Ed Davis – proposal hasn’t been thought through enough

Mr. Mark Holihan – along with short term renters comes problems; consider this more towards the taxpayers and quality of life

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to postpone this item until alternate 1, revised alternate 2, and new alternate 3 can be considered. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Foster and Chairman Hersey voting yes and Commissioner Addison voting no.**

Meeting recessed at approximately 10:59 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at approximately 11:23 a.m.

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to amend the agenda and consider original agenda item #12 “Approval of Certification of Road Abandonment for Price Road” now. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

9. Approval of Certification of Road Abandonment for Price Road (KI)

Mr. Andy Welch spoke in support of this item and commented that it is in the public’s best interest to abandon Price Road.

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the certification of road abandonment for a portion of Price Road. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison voting yes and Chairman Hersey voting no. (Copy of certificate made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)**

10. Request for Waiver of Interest from Sidney & Marta White (Tax Comm)

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to deny the request for waiver of interest from Sidney & Marta White. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.** (Copy of documents made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

11. Approval of Revision to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority Appointment Procedures (staff-CC)

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the revision to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority appointment procedures. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.** (Copy of procedures made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

12. Confirmation of Appointment to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority (staff-CC)

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to confirm the appointment of Josh Daniel to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

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

Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Brown, nominated Patty Burns for appointment to the Putnam Development Authority.

Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Addison, nominated James Ryan for appointment to the Putnam Development Authority.

**Chairman Hersey called for the vote. Commissioner Irvin voted for James Ryan. Commissioner Brown voted for Patty Burns. Commissioner Foster voted for Patty Burns. Commissioner Addison voted for Patty Burns. Chairman Hersey voted for Patty Burns.** Patty Burns is the new appointee to the Putnam Development Authority.

14. Discussion of a unification study by MGRC (SH)

Chairman Hersey explained that the Eatonton City Council authorized the Mayor to request technical assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to conduct a feasibility study on consolidation of the City of Eatonton and Putnam County governments. He asked the board to allow action to be taken on this item.

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to waive the rules and allow action on this item. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to vacate the original vote to authorize the Chairman to enter into contract, upon agreement by the City of Eatonton, with the Carl Vinson Institute to perform a study of governmental unification as described in the Institute's proposal, to sign same and negotiate cost sharing of the study with the City of Eatonton.**

Chairman Hersey ruled this motion out of order, stating that it wasn't necessary. Commissioner Foster withdrew the motion.

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Middle Georgia Regional Commissioner requesting technical assistance to conduct a feasibility study on consolidation of the City of Eatonton and Putnam County governments. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of letter made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**Reports/Announcements**

15. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reminded everyone that Lisa Jackson sent an email with GDOT plans for Hwy 441 improvements and a letter of support is needed-will add to next agenda; he also requested a transportation work session on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

16. County Attorney Report

No report.

17. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: cheered on our Georgia football teams with Go Falcons and Go Dogs

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: none

Commissioner Addison: also said Go Dogs and advised that Tuesday is National Law Enforcement Day-he thanked all who serve in this field

Chairman Hersey: none

**Closing**

18. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey  
Chairman