

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at approximately 6:30 PM 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 Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Planning & Development Director Lisa Jackson
Zoning Coordinator Courtney Andrews

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Webster advised that item #8c "Approval of 2021 Alcohol Licenses" needed to be removed from the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item #8c.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

3. Invocation

Rev. Pete Mattix gave the invocation.

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4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zoning Public Hearing

5. Request by Willie David Copelan to rezone 5.00 acres from AG-2 to C-2 at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Part of Parcel 017001001, District 2] (staff-P&D) (tabled from 12/15/2020 meeting)

Attorney Russell Wall, representing Willie David Copelan, spoke in support of this request and submitted a handout. Also speaking in support were Ms. Renee Fontenot and Mr. Mike Rountree.

The following individuals spoke against this item: Ms. Tracy Martin, Mr. Scott Martin, Mr. Jon King, Ms. Heidi King (handout), and Ms. Peggy Fuller.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval to rezone 5.00 acres at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Parcel 017001001, District 2] from AG-2 to C-1 with the following conditions: 1) the developer shall construct a deceleration lane in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control to service the entrance on Pea Ridge Road of the development, 2) additional right-of-way to accommodate the deceleration lane and a ten-foot shoulder shall be dedicated by the developer to the county.

Motion to deny the request by Willie David Copelan to rezone 5.00 acres from AG-2 to C-2 at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Part of Parcel 017001001].

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown

Voting Nay: Commissioner Sharp

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Wooten (for personal reasons)

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6. Request by Zeke Long, agent for Tyler Land Holdings LLC, to rezone 2.76 acres from C-1 to C-2 on Greensboro Road [Map 103A, Part of Parcel 062, District 3] (staff-P&D) (tabled from 12-15-2020 meeting)

Mr. Rett Tyler, founder of Skier's Marine, spoke in support of this request and submitted a handout. Mr. Matthew Zieg also spoke in support.

Mr. Tom Frey spoke against this item and had a presentation on the screens. Mr. Jimmy Butts and Mr. Frank Filicicchia also spoke in opposition.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for denial to rezone 2.76 acres on Greensboro Road [Map 103A, Part of Parcel 062] from C-1 to C-2.

Motion to approve the request by Zeke Long, agent for Tyler Land Holdings LLC, to rezone 2.76 acres from C-1 to C-2 on Greensboro Road [Map 103A, Part of Parcel 062] with the following conditions: 1) the property shall be limited to the following use: Boat and trailer sales and service, 2) all boats, trailers, and any other equipment for sale shall be stored behind the proposed building and shall not be stored between the proposed building and the county right-of-way, 3) the storage area for boats, trailers, and any other equipment for sale shall be fenced in with a fence a minimum of 6 foot in height; such fencing shall include screening necessary to obstruct view by either opaque or semi-opaque means, 4) any and all service on boats, trailers, and any other equipment to be serviced on site shall take place within the confines of a permanent structure, 5) all outdoor lighting

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will be aimed inward, 6) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation of the plat as stated in Section 66-165 (e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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 - January 8, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - January 11, 2021 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of 2021 Alcohol License (staff-CC)

Item c was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve items a. and b. of the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

9. Authorization for staff to schedule Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcohol), Chapter 66 (Zoning), and Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rental) (staff-CA & CC)

County Attorney Fleming reviewed the proposed changes.

Motion to authorize staff to schedule Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcohol), Chapter 66 (Zoning), and Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rental).

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

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Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that the "Employee Spotlight" was on every employee this month in appreciation for all their hard work and a pizza lunch was provided for all of them.

11. County Attorney Report

No report.

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12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: requested that if constituents call him, to please leave a call back number on his answering machine

Commissioner Sharp: reminded everyone about the COVID-19 vaccine being for groups 1 and 1A and advised of several locations that are distributing the vaccine

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: commented on the distribution methods of the COVID-19 vaccine

Closing

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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