

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on April 19, 2022 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 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 6:30 p.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 - Rev. David Wofford, Senior Pastor at Eatonton First United Methodist Church
Rev. David Wofford gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Paul Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentations

a. Lady Eagles Basketball Proclamation

The Putnam County Middle School Girls Basketball team was recognized for recently winning the Piedmont Athletic Conference Championship. The team was presented with a Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners. The team led by Head Coach Sha'Kedra Ellison and Assistant Coach Jolisa Hill finished the season with a 13-1 record and is the first team to win the championship since 2016. Congratulations Lady Eagles! The Board of Commissioners commends the team and coaches for their outstanding achievement.

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b. Fire Department Retirements

Fire Chief McClain honored recently retired Putnam County Volunteer Firefighters Carlton Layson, Bob Kneip, William Knight, and Gerald Clemons (not in attendance). Mr. Carlton Layson was one of the founding members of the Eatonton-Putnam Rescue Squad that was established in 1974. Putnam County adopted the Rescue Squad in 1977. Mr. Bob Kneip began his volunteer career in 1971 and faithfully served for many years. Mr. William Knight and Mr. Gerald Clemons both volunteered and served faithfully at Station 8 for 22 years. Also mentioned and honored were Mr. Jack Clemons, Mr. George Quinn, and Mr. Bryan Jones who are deceased. These gentlemen were instrumental in the establishment of the Willard Fire Station.

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

Ms. Marianne Bruhn Popik commented on the pond built by her neighbor Mr. Adam Schulze. She requested a phone call from the county attorney concerning the status.

Ms. Erin Olson commented on Anchors Marina not meeting the zoning conditions that were set by the BOC. She displayed some photos and distributed a handout of the conditions.

Ms. Renee Burgdorf commented on Anchors Marina not following the conditions that were set by the BOC.

Ms. Lisa Peterson commented on Anchors Marina not following the conditions that were set by the BOC.

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7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - March 31, 2022 Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing (staff-CC)
 - b. Approval of Minutes - April 1, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
 - c. Approval of Minutes - April 1, 2022 Work Session (staff-CC)
 - d. Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2022 LOST Mediation Meeting (staff-CC)
 - e. Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2022 Executive Session (staff-CC)
 - f. Approval of 2022 Alcohol Licenses (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

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8. Approval of Final Plat for Loch Haven Subdivision (staff-P&D)

Motion to approve the Final Plat for Loch Haven Subdivision.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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9. Request by LA Development LLC for an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision at 163 Overlook Drive. Presently zoned AG. [Map 089D, Parcel 010, District 2] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Lowell White requested to table this request for 30 days in order to replat the subdivision or come up with another solution.

Motion to table the request by LA Development LLC for an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision at 163 Overlook Drive for 30 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Mr. White inquired about the possibility of creating a service road to MLK and submitted a proposal.

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

Ms. Charlotte Griffin was nominated for appointment to the Board of Health.

Nomination made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea for Charlotte Griffin: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

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11. Submission of Names for Appointment to the Hospital Authority (staff-CC)
 Mr. Barry Chambers was nominated for submission for appointment to the Hospital Authority.
Nomination made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.
 Ms. Georgia Benjamin-Smith and Ms. Rebecca Rocker were nominated for submission for appointment to the Hospital Authority.
Nomination made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.
Voting Yea on the Slate: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

Reports/Announcements

12. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Appreciation to everyone on a successful opening day of the baseball season. Chairman Webster threw out the first pitch.
- The new Ladder truck is in production - shared some photos sent by the Fire Chief.

13. County Attorney Report

No report but requested an Executive Session.

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: thanked everyone for Government Fun day and was glad to see so many departments participating; he complimented the staff for a great event.

Commissioner Wooten: echoed Commissioner Sharp's comments and added that Government Fun Day was fun.

Chairman Webster: congratulated Recreation Director Haley on a successful opening day of baseball.

Executive Session

15. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Litigation.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Meeting closed at approximately 7:19 p.m.

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16. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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Meeting reopened at approximately 8:29 p.m.

17. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

County Attorney Fleming reported that two items were discussed with no final action taken.

Closing

18. 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 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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