

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Friday, January 3, 2020 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, January 3, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

### *PRESENT*

Chairman Billy Webster  
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin  
Commissioner Daniel Brown  
Commissioner Bill Sharp  
Commissioner Trevor Addison

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Barry Fleming  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson  
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. Invocation

Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance (KI)

Commissioner Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. 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 Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

Meeting closed at approximately 6:31 p.m.

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

**Motion to reopen the meeting and authorize the Chairman to sign the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner, Sharp,**

**Commissioner Addison**

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 7:01 p.m.

6. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session  
No action was taken.

### **Zoning/Public Hearing**

7. Request by Howard McMichael, Jr. agent for Millicent Arnold & Lawrence A. Copelan Jr. to rezone 2.14 acres on Collis Road from R-1 to RM-3 [Map 104, Parcel 030, District 3] (staff-P&D)
8. Request by Howard McMichael, Jr., agent for HJR Oconee, LLC, to rezone 50.8 acres on Collis Road from AG-1 to RM-3 [Map 104, Parcel 032, District 3] (staff-P&D)
9. Request by Howard McMichael, Jr., agent for Millicent Arnold & L.A. Copelan Jr., to rezone 0.63 acres on Doug Lane from R-1 to RM-3 [Map 104B, Parcel 001, District 3] (staff-P&D)
10. Request by Howard McMichael, Jr., agent for Millicent Arnold & L.A. Copelan Jr., to rezone 3.5 acres on Collis Road from R-1 to RM-3 [Map 104, Parcel 033, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Chairman Webster advised that the rezoning items will be taken together.

Mr. Howard McMichael and Mr. Josh Sprayberry spoke in support of the request. The following individuals spoke against this item: Mr. Ron Ryland, Ms. Kitty Burgess, Mr. Bill Richards, Ms. Denise Moore, Mr. Martin Rueter, Mr. Jeff McLeod, Ms. Kristie McLeod, Ms. Kathy Wardlaw, Mr. Pete Wardlaw (distributed handouts), Rev. Mark Jones, Mr. Steve Burgess, and Ms. Fancia Harris.

Mr. McMichael used his remaining time to speak in rebuttal and submitted documents.

Attorney Fleming explained that a letter from Mr. McMichael's attorney was received today with objections to some of the conditions placed on the rezoning by the Planning & Zoning Commission. He outlined four options the board can take: approval, disapproval, table, or send back to P&Z Commission.

**Motion to send the following rezoning requests by Mr. Howard McMichael back to the Planning & Zoning Commission:**

- **2.14 acres on Collis Road from R-1 to RM-3 [Map 104, Parcel 030]**
- **50.8 acres on Collis Road from AG-1 to RM-3 [Map 104, Parcel 032]**
- **0.63 acres on Doug Lane from R-1 to RM-3 [Map 104B, Parcel 001]**
- **3.5 acres on Collis Road from R-1 to RM-3 [Map 104, Parcel 033]**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

Chairman Webster closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:53 p.m.

**Regular Business Meeting**

11. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

12. Public Comments

None

13. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - December 17, 2019 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of 2020 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)
- d. Appointment of Phillip Armstrong to Complete Count Committee (BW)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

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**Reports/Announcements**

14. County Manager Report

No report.

15. County Attorney Report

No report.

16. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Webster: none

**Executive Session**

17. 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 personnel.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

Meeting closed at approximately 7:57 p.m.

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

**Motion to reopen the meeting and authorize the Chairman to sign the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison**

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:57 p.m. Commissioner Sharp stepped out of the meeting.

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

No action was taken.

**Closing**

20. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman