

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, February 2, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, February 2, 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
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor Avis Williams, Lake Oconee Community Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

Regular Business Meeting

4. Public Comments

None

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - January 16, 2018 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - January 26, 2018 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- d. Approval of 2018 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of alcohol licenses made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

7. Presentation of 2017 Audit (staff-Finance)

Mr. Pat Muse of McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC presented the 2017 audit. They reported an unmodified or “clean” opinion on the basic financial statements and stated that no material weaknesses or significant weaknesses were reported. No action was taken. (Copy of audit presentation made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

8. Budget Adjustment request from the Tax Commissioner (staff-Tax Comm)

Tax Commissioner Pam Lancaster explained that the reason for budget adjustment request is because the tax server machine is outdated and expensive and she is proposing to go to an off-site hosting solution. She also discussed the new state DRIVES program. **Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the budget adjustment request from the Tax Commissioner in the amount of \$11,670.00. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

Meeting recessed at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 9:47 a.m.

9. Discussion and possible action on Law Enforcement Shooting Range (DB)

Mr. Billy Webster signed in to speak but requested to make his comments after the BOC discussion. Commissioner Brown explained that he received a request from Putnam County Deputy J.D. Turk to use county property on Reid Drive for a shooting range. Deputy Turk answered questions and commented that the property could also be used for other types of training including vehicle stops and canine training. County Manager Van Haute suggested an additional location to consider, the property where the former inert landfill was located. He will get with Sheriff Sills and Deputy Turk to look at the properties. No action was taken. Mr. Webster commented on the Cedar Creek Shooting Range and asked if it would work for the training needs.

Chairman Hersey announced that an Executive Session was needed.

9.1 Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for litigation. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Meeting closed at approximately 10:17 a.m.

9.2 Motion to reopen meeting and Execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to reopen the meeting and execute the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed session.

Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. Commissioner Brown had to leave during the Executive Session. (Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Meeting reopened at approximately 11:25 a.m.

9.3 Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

County Attorney Nelson reported that one litigation matter was discussed with no final action taken.

Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Fire/Rescue is looking at demo truck from E-One, more information coming soon;
- Talked to Senator Isakson's office regarding FEMA funds for last year's tornado damage, having trouble getting funds to us;
- Contacted GDOT regarding litter, haven't heard back;
- Received a request from Mayor Rocker and Tytan to land helicopters at golf course, county attorney is looking over agreement;
- Murray County commissioner came here to look at our courthouse, they are looking at expanding theirs as well.

11. County Attorney Report

No report.

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: absent

Commissioner Foster: commented that he is still embarrassed by the amount of litter on roads

Commissioner Addison: suggested that maybe a private company could help with litter pickup

Chairman Hersey: reminded everyone about the joint meeting with the city on Monday at 9:30 am.

Closing

13. Adjournment

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

Meeting closed at approximately 11:32 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman