

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Public Hearing

Minutes

Thursday, March 31, 2022 ♦ 5:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at approximately 5:30 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 Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

Putnam Development Authority Executive Director Matt Poyner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

3. Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

Chairman Webster turned the Public Hearing over to Mr. Taylor Stickels, Government Services Specialist at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Mr. Stickels presented a PowerPoint on the 2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Putnam County and the City of Eatonton which included the following:

- Background
- Comprehensive Plan Components
- Timeline

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- Vision Statement - the 2017 statement was reviewed; suggested revisions should be emailed to Mr. Stickels
- Topics for Today
 - Civic Life & Community Services
 - Economic Development
 - Housing
 - Future Growth & Land Use
 - Additional topics suggested by attendees:
 - Hotel/Motel needed
 - Convention Center needed
 - Acquisition of Industrial Property with Rail
 - Concerns about Rivian Plant and how it will affect water system
 - Senior Oriented Transportation Improvements
 - Embrace status as a Coal Community
 - Water and Sewer expansion in the Unincorporated area
 - Senior Housing
 - Starter Houses
 - CGTC/Workforce
 - Tourism
 - Industry Parks
 - Housing Rehabilitation
 - State & Federal Property
- Online Survey

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Chairman Webster advised that the County Co-Chairs are Commissioners Daniel Brown and Bill Sharp. Mayor Reid said the City is forming their team. No action was taken.

Closing

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Public Hearing adjourned at approximately 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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