

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, October 7, 2022 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, October 7, 2022 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

ABSENT

Commissioner Gary McElhenney

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.

(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation

County Attorney Adam Nelson gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Paul Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

None

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - September 20, 2022 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Section 5311 Program Formula Funds for Rural Transit FY2024 Grant Application (Transit)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten
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7. Authorization for Chairman to sign Probation Services Agreement between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG) and Putnam County State Court (State Ct Judge)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Probation Services Agreement between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG) and Putnam County State Court.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten
(Copy of agreement made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

8. Approval of Change to the Environmental Health Food Service Fee Structure (Health Dept)

Motion to approve the change to the Environmental Health Food Service Fee Structure.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten
(Copy of new fees made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

9. Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Board (staff-CC)

Ms. Roxanne Waller was nominated for appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Board.

Nomination made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea for Roxanne Waller: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

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Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Congratulations to Finance Director Linda Cook for being awarded the President's Award from the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association; this is the third time in a row for Ms. Cook winning this award
- Improvements have been made at the Flat Rock Recycle Center including more space and more cans in the ground
- One of the ambulances hit a deer recently; it is still running, only with one headlight until it can be repaired; there are currently only three in the fleet
- The Middle Georgia Regional Commission recently sent out a DRI (Developments of Regional Impact) for a large subdivision in Morgan County; this will impact our public safety; the comment period is open for this; please add your comments
 - Fire Chief McClain commented on the new Morgan County development; it is one of the largest coming to the area; Putnam shares a fire station with Morgan in the Buckhead area and has a mutual aid with Morgan; Putnam is also expecting a new large development nearby, Kingston, which will increase calls for both Putnam and Morgan; impacts will be felt by both counties with these large developments; the Morgan County development plans to build all at once to be complete in 2031; the Putnam County Kingston development will be built in phases to be complete in 2032; may need to fine tune the mutual aid agreement as this grows
- The Fire Department pulled a pickup truck out of the lake this past week
- Monday, October 10th is Putnam County's 215th Birthday; there is a cupcake cake in back in celebration; Putnam County is older than 37 of the states in our country

11. County Attorney Report

None

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney – absent

Commissioner Brown – none

Commissioner Sharp – none

Commissioner Wooten – none

Chairman Webster – thanked PIO Stephanie McMullen, County Manager Van Haute and all the Department Heads for the event yesterday at the Administration Building for Pre-K Week. The departments made presentations inside and the outside was set up with equipment displays and fun activities. Great job by all. He also read a comment found on the NextDoor app by Ms. Marian Zerkus who thanked the Commissioners for the outcome of the latest Fish Tales Marina rezoning request and complimented the work of the County Clerk.

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Closing

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:44 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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