

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at approximately 6:30 PM 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 Barry Fleming
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on page _____.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Rev. Marion Clark, Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

Zoning Public Hearing

4. Request by Antonio Mullins for a conditional use at 202 Horton Drive. Presently zoned AG-1 [Map 050, Parcel 015]

Mr. Antonio Mullins spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval of a conditional use for a community event center at 202 Horton Drive with the following conditions: 1) Owners shall present a parking plan, prepared by a design professional which shall be approved by the Planning Director and executed prior to the issuance of a business registration; 2) Hours of operation shall not exceed 12:00 a.m. **Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the request by Antonio Mullins for a conditional use at 202 Horton Drive [Map 050, Parcel 015] with the following conditions: 1) Owners shall present a parking plan, prepared by a design professional which shall be approved by the Planning Director and executed prior to the issuance of a business registration; 2) Hours of operation shall not exceed 12:00 a.m. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

5. Request by James & Nina Peebles to rezone 22.04 acres at 143 Checking Station Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 024, part of Parcel 003]

Mrs. Nina Peebles spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning and Development staff recommendation was for approval. **Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the request by James & Nina Peebles to rezone 22.04 acres at 143 Checking Station Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 024, part of Parcel 003]. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.**

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

None

7. Approval of Agenda

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

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - August 4, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes - August 4, 2017 Budget Work Session
- c. Approval of Minutes - August 7, 2017 Budget Work Session

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

9. Discussion and possible action to increase the County Attorney Fee

Chairman Hersey explained that this item was at his request, not the County Attorney's. He further advised that the law firm of Fleming and Nelson has been with the county for over four years at the same fee of \$150 per hour and he would like to see it raised to \$175 per hour.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to leave the County Attorney fee at \$150 per hour. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Addison voting yes and Commissioner Foster and Chairman Hersey voting no.

10. Update on the regional TSPLOST

Chairman Hersey provided an update that all pieces are in place to go forward on the November ballot, however, the Executive Committee meets on Wednesday and the Roundtable meets on Friday and it is hoped they will vote to put the regional TSPLOST vote off until May 2018. He also gave a status update on the single county TSPLOST that we are still waiting for the city to approve and sign off on the Intergovernmental Agreement and provide a project list for Exhibit A of the Resolution. It is believed they will do all this at their next meeting. No action was taken.

11. Discussion of refinancing the Sinclair Water Authority USDA loan

Chairman Hersey advised that SWA is considering refinancing their USDA loan based on the recent experience of EPWSA refinancing their loans. The situations are very similar and the interest rates and terms should be as well. EPWSA received a 9% reduction in debt service for loans or \$60,000 in savings per year for the term of the debt. Raymond James Financial will do the preparation work with no fee unless the bonds are issued. No action was taken.

Reports/Announcements

12. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that he received a rough draft TSPLOST project list from the city that he will email to commissioners tomorrow and that the Sheriff's Office deputy left the courthouse early today for other duties, which left no security or anyone to lock up at the end of the day. He will look into the security plan and talk to Sheriff Sills.

13. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Fleming reported additional information regarding the joint effort with the city for zoning purposes. At the last meeting he was asked if one body could approve requests for inside the city limits and the unincorporated area. He discovered a 1957 law that did make that possible, however, in 1983 the Georgia Constitution was rewritten and that can't be done any longer. The county governing body must make the final decision for items in the county and the same for the city. There can however be just one Planning & Zoning board which would make recommendations to the two governing bodies.

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Foster: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Hersey: none

Closing

15. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman