

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Agenda

Friday, February 2, 2024 ♦ 10:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Invocation – Brandon Walton, Pastor, Bible Fellowship Church
4. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)
5. Special Presentation - Proclamation for Barry Fleming
6. Special Presentation - Chamber of Commerce 2023 Year-End Report - Maggie Milner
7. Special Presentation - Recreation Update (staff-SH)
8. Special Presentation - Councilwoman Reid - Oconee Behavioral Health Board

Regular Business Meeting

9. Public Comments
10. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - January 5, 2024 (staff-CC)
 - b. Approval of Minutes - January 16, 2024 (staff-CC)
11. Authorization for Chairman to sign a letter for a public water supply system (staff-CA)
12. Authorization for Chairman to sign a letter to be sent to the City of Eatonton to discuss SPLOST #10 projects (staff-CA)
13. Update for plan for replacement of House Bill 300 with local legislation (staff-CA)
14. Commissioner Nominations for appointment to MGRC Aging Advisory Council (BS)

Reports/Announcements

15. County Manager Report
16. County Attorney Report
17. Commissioner Announcements

Closing

18. Adjournment

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to continue the meeting to another time and place in the event the number of people in attendance at the meeting, including the Board of Commissioners, staff, and members of the public exceeds the legal limits. The meeting cannot be closed to the public except by a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting. The board can vote to go into an executive session on a legally exempt matter during a public meeting even if not advertised or listed on the agenda. Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Compliance Officer, at least three business days in advance of the meeting at 706-485-2776 to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

File Attachments for Item:

- 10. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - January 5, 2024 (staff-CC)
 - b. Approval of Minutes - January 16, 2024 (staff-CC)

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, January 5, 2024 ♦ 10:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, January 5, 2024 at approximately 10:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

- Chairman Bill Sharp
- Commissioner Gary McElhenney
- Commissioner Daniel Brown
- Commissioner Steve Hersey
- Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

- County Attorney Adam Nelson
- County Manager Paul Van Haute
- County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
- Deputy County Clerk Donna Todd

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 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 Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation

County Attorney Adam Nelson gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - (SH)

Commissioner Hersey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - Habitat for Humanity (Murali Thirumal)

Mr. Murali Thirumal presented information on the ways in which Habitat for Humanity has helped citizens of Putnam County. In the past 25 years, Habitat for Humanity has built 28 houses in Putnam County, all within the city limits. Two are currently under construction and two more are about to break ground. New models of funding homes are considered every year.

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6. Special Presentation - Uncle Remus Golf Course Superintendent Michael Benton

Golf Course Superintendent, Mr. Michael Benton, displayed a PowerPoint presentation to showcase improvements made to the Uncle Remus Golf Course. He highlighted the increase in memberships and the loyal customer base the Golf Course has.

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Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments

Mr. Bill Vargo – Presented a handout to the Commissioners. He stated there was a lack of representation from the elected District 3 representative. County Attorney Nelson reminded Mr. Vargo that speaking about a person by name was prohibited. Mr. Vargo complied and stated that he hoped communication would improve between the elected official and the citizens in the district.

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8. Consent Agenda

- a. ~~Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)~~
- b. Approval of Minutes - December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - December 19, 2023 Executive Session (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

9. Chairman to appoint Vice-Chairman for 2024 (BS)

Chairman Sharp thanked Commissioner Brown for the outstanding job he did serving as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Brown resigned as Vice-Chairman to run for re-election in District 2. Chairman Sharp appointed Commissioner Wooten as Vice-Chairman.

10. Request for final plat subdivision approval - Enclave at Waterfront (staff-P&D)
Chairman Sharp called on Planning & Development Director, Lisa Jackson, to speak about this item. Ms. Jackson advised that Mr. John Wojtas, agent for the developer, was in attendance and asked him to speak. Mr. Wojtas spoke about development indicating that the plat approval is for the last 12 homes. Planning & Development staff recommendation is for approval with the condition that all three streetlights are installed within 30 days of receipt by Tri-County. This is per the letter submitted by Tri-County dated December 13, 2023. The streetlights and poles are on backorder.

Motion to approve the request for final plat subdivision approval – Enclave at Waterfront with the condition that all three streetlights are installed within 30 days of receipt by Tri-County.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

11. Repeal of HB 300 (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute advised that House Bill 300 was adopted and passed in 2011 and dollar values have changed; salary is now set by state law. The Commissioners expenses would be treated like employees. Per County Attorney Nelson, the action is to make a request to our legislative delegation to repeal House Bill 300.

Motion to request legislative delegation to repeal House Bill 300.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Amended motion to request legislative delegation to repeal HB300 only after county has come to replacement compensation package.

Amended motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Voting Yea: Commissioner Hersey

Voting Nay: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Wooten

Vote on original motion:

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

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12. Approval of 2024 LMIG Project List (staff-CM)

Mr. Billy Webster expressed concern about District 4's LMIG road paving being in District 3 and that agenda item 14 implies that Districts 1 and 3 will get all the LMIG money. Commissioner Brown commented that District 3's LMIG funds were given to District 4, for Dennis Station. Commissioner Wooten commented that the wrong side of Dennis Station was paved by mistake. County Manager Van Haute stated that if the contractor who made the mistake is awarded the project this time, they will correct the mistake.

Motion to approve the 2024 LMIG Project List.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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13. Request for approval of installation of four FLOCK cameras in County ROW (staff-Public Works/PCSO)

Public Works Director Anthony Frazier spoke about this item, stating that FLOCK cameras are to be installed in county right of way at Highway 441 and Twin Bridges. These cameras have been requested by Sheriff Howard Sills and are legitimate cameras. The cameras will provide surveillance and look at vehicle license plates.

Motion to approve the installation of four FLOCK cameras in the County Right of Way.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

14. Request for approval purchase material for two road resurfacing projects (staff-Public Works)

Public Works Director Anthony Frazier presented information about the paving materials for resurfacing projects on Scott Road and Sammons Parkway and stated that samples have been collected. Utilizing the product provided by the vendor, Lithified Technologies, will give the base of the roads just under a 500K PSI base, which is far better than results with concrete. The material used is 100% waterproof and will make the total expense for the projects less than \$548,000.

Motion to approve request for approval to purchase material for two road surfacing projects.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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15. Approval of FY24 Budget Amendment #1 (staff-Finance)

Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Fricks presented information on the budget amendment for the 2024 budget. The items in the amendment are to account for grant money that was received in fiscal year 2023 instead of 2024, and to allocate donations received by the Clerk of Superior Court and for the new Fire/EMS Station.

Motion to approve the FY24 Budget Amendment #1.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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16. Setting of Qualifying Fees for 2024 General Election (staff-Finance)

Finance Director Linda Cook, spoke about the 2024 General Election qualifying fees and stated the Elections Supervisor agrees with the calculations presented.

Motion to set the Qualifying Fees for the 2024 General Election as shown in meeting packet.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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17. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolutions for the Tax Commissioner's Office (staff-Tax Comm)

- a. Resolution for Authority for Tax Commissioner to Receive Funds
- b. Resolution for Waiver of Penalties and Interest on Unpaid Ad Valorem Taxes
- c. Resolution Establishing Due Date for all Taxes

Newly appointed Tax Commissioner Terrell Abernathy spoke about each item and explained their necessity.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolutions for the Tax Commissioners Office.

- a. Resolution for Authority for Tax Commissioner to Receive Funds
- b. Resolution for Waiver of Penalties and Interest on Unpaid Ad Valorem Taxes
- c. Resolution Establishing Due Date for all Taxes

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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Reports/Announcements

18. County Manager Report

No report.

19. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Adam Nelson stated that the Governor has asked County Attorney, Barry Fleming, to serve as a Superior Court Judge for the Columbia County Judicial District. As a result, County Attorney Fleming will be leaving the Fleming and Nelson law practice. County Attorney Nelson stated that he appreciates the opportunity to remain as Putnam County’s Attorney.

20. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: thanked the staff, especially the County Manager, for the work he does to save us money.

Commissioner Brown: expressed pride in our County Manager and all the Putnam County staff who do such a great job for our County.

Commissioner Hersey: none.

Commissioner Wooten: expressed gratitude that Putnam County did so well and accomplished so much in 2023.

Chairman Sharp: asked that everyone continue to keep County Clerk Lynn Butterworth in their prayers as she returns to Texas for treatment. He also asked everyone to pray for our county.

Closing

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Donna Todd
Deputy County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 ♦ 6:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

- Chairman Bill Sharp
- Commissioner Gary McElhenney
- Commissioner Daniel Brown
- Commissioner Jeff Wooten

ABSENT

- Commissioner Steve Hersey

STAFF PRESENT

- County Attorney Tom Watkins
- County Manager Paul Van Haute
- Deputy County Clerk Donna Todd

STAFF ABSENT

- County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation

Pete Mattix, Pastor at Lake Country Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

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4. Pledge of Allegiance (JW)

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Special Presentation - Retirement Proclamation - Pam Lancaster

County Manager Van Haute read a proclamation honoring Pam Lancaster in her recent retirement. Pam was presented with the framed proclamation and a gift card.

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

6. Special Presentation - Councilwoman Reid - Oconee Behavioral Health Board

This item was postponed until the February 2, 2024 meeting.

Zoning Public Hearing

Chairman Sharp opened the Zoning Public Hearing at approximately 6:07 p.m.

7. Request by Bobby J. Wilder for a conditional use at 641 Dennis Station Road. Presently zoned AG. [Map 082, Parcel 059, District 4] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Bobby Wilder spoke in favor of the conditional use permit for the purpose of boat and RV storage. No one spoke against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval for a conditional use at 641 Dennis Station Road. Currently zoned AG [Map 082, Parcel 059, District 4] with the following conditions:

1. The development shall substantially comply with the submitted plans in support of the conditional use application.
2. Subject to Section 66-157(b) of the Putnam Code of Ordinances, this conditional use permit shall be issued to the applicant solely, is not transferrable, and shall extinguish upon cessation of such activity for a period of 12 months.
3. No unsheltered/uncovered outdoor storage of watercraft, recreational vehicles, or other material shall be permitted.

Motion to approve request by Bobby J. Wilder for a conditional use at 641 Dennis Station Road, presently zoned AG [Map 082, Parcel 059, District 4] with the following conditions:

- 1. The development shall substantially comply with the submitted plans in support of the conditional use application.**
- 2. Subject to Section 66-157(b) of the Putnam Code of Ordinances, this conditional use permit shall be issued to the applicant solely, is not transferrable, and shall extinguish upon cessation of such activity for a period of 12 months.**
- 3. No unsheltered/uncovered outdoor storage of watercraft, recreational vehicles, or other material shall be permitted.**
- 4. The front yard shall be fenced in with a fence a minimum of six feet in height; such fencing shall include screening necessary to obstruct view by either opaque or semi-opaque means.**

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

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8. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Shaifer Oconee LLC to rezone 158.22 acres on Scott Road from C-PUD to R-PUD. [Map 102, Parcel 002, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Rick McAllister spoke in support of the rezoning and provided information about the property. Mr. Michael Croupie also spoke in favor of the rezoning. No one spoke against this item.

Planning & Development Director Lisa Jackson reminded the board that this item is for the rezoning only; items such as setbacks that were mentioned will be handled at the Technical Review Committee meeting.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval to rezone 158.22 acres on Scott Road from C-PUD to R-PUD [Map 102, Parcel 002, District 3] with the following conditions:

1. Scott Road at Proposed Driveway #1: (a) Provide a full-movement driveway; to be stop-control (b) Provide one entry lane and one exit lane (c) Install a westbound right-turn deceleration lane (d) Install an eastbound left-turn deceleration lane.
2. Sammons Industrial Parkway at Proposed Driveway #3: (Note: The driveway creates the 3rd leg northern leg of the T-intersection) (a) Provide a full-movement driveway; one entry lane and one exit lane (b) Install a stop sign (stop-control) for the eastbound approach of Sammons Industrial Parkway.
3. Staff also recommends that the comp plan be amended to reflect current and future commercial and residential development in this area.

Motion to approve the request by Rick McAllister, agent for Shaifer Oconee, LLC, to rezone 158.22 acres on Scott Road from C-PUD to R-PUD [Map 102, Parcel 002, District 3] with the following conditions:

1. **Scott Road at Proposed Driveway #1: (a) Provide a full-movement driveway; to be stop-control (b) Provide one entry lane and one exit lane (c) Install a westbound right-turn deceleration lane (d) Install an eastbound left-turn deceleration lane.**
2. **Sammons Industrial Parkway at Proposed Driveway #3: (Note: The driveway creates the 3rd leg northern leg of the T-intersection) (a) Provide a full-movement driveway; one entry lane and one exit lane (b) Install a stop sign (stop-control) for the eastbound approach of Sammons Industrial Parkway.**
3. **Staff also recommends that the comp plan be amended to reflect current and future commercial and residential development in this area.**

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner McElhenney

9. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Shaifer Oconee LLC to rezone 5.89 acres at 113 Scott Road from C-1 to R-PUD. [Map 102A, Parcel 104003, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Rick McAllister spoke in support of this item while speaking about agenda item #8.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval to rezone 5.89 acres from C-1 to R-PUD at 113 Scott Road [Map 102A, Parcel 104003, District 3] with the following conditions:

1. Scott Road at Proposed Driveway #1: (a) Provide a full-movement driveway; to be stop-control (b) Provide one entry lane and one exit lane (c) Install a westbound right-turn deceleration lane (d) Install an eastbound left-turn deceleration lane.
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entry lane and one exit lane (b) Install a stop sign (stop-control) for the eastbound approach of Sammons Industrial Parkway.

3. Staff also recommends that the comp plan be amended to reflect current and future commercial and residential development in this area.
4. This parcel must be combined with the adjacent parcel, identified as Map 102 Parcel 002, and cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel.
5. This rezoning approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 60 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Rick McAllister requested that the time for recordation of the plat be changed from 60 days to 120 days.

Motion to amend condition #5 for the purpose of extending the time to file the plat from 60 days to 120 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Motion to approve the request by Rick McAllister, agent for Shaifer Oconee, LLC, to rezone 5.89 acres at 113 Scott Road from C-1 to R-PUD [Map 102A, Parcel 104003, District 3] with the following conditions:

1. **Scott Road at Proposed Driveway #1: (a) Provide a full-movement driveway; to be stop-control (b) Provide one entry lane and one exit lane (c) Install a westbound right-turn deceleration lane (d) Install an eastbound left-turn deceleration lane.**
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3. **Staff also recommends that the comp plan be amended to reflect current and future commercial and residential development in this area.**
4. **This parcel must be combined with the adjacent parcel, identified as Map 102 Parcel 002, and cannot be used or sold as a standalone parcel.**
5. **This rezoning approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 120 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.**

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Chairman Sharp closed the Zoning Public Hearing at approximately 6:37 p.m.

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Regular Business Meeting

10. Public Comments

None

11. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - January 5, 2024 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of 2024 Alcohol License - Lake Oconee Bistro (staff-CC)

Motion to remove Consent Agenda item a. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Motion to approve Consent Agenda item b, approval of Alcohol License for Lake Oconee Bistro.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

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

12. Request by AT&T for a Right-of-Way Permit for work to be done on River Lake Drive (staff-PW)

Ms. Rindi Daniel, Office Manager and Permit Manager for Public Works, presented information on this request.

Motion to approve the request by AT&T for a Right-of-Way Permit for work to be done on River Lake Drive.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

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

13. Discussion and possible approval of a Town Hall Meeting for Jimmy Davis Park playground equipment (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute read an email from Commissioner Hersey, stating that Commissioner Brown did not need permission to hold a Town Hall Meeting, but Dr. Hersey would choose not to participate.

Motion to hold a Town Hall Meeting for the purpose of selecting playground equipment for Jimmy Davis Park on February 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Putnam County Administration Building and also introduce the manager for JDP.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

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14. Discussion and possible action on ordinance for HB 300 (staff-CA)
County Attorney Watkins advised that a Public Hearing would be needed on this ordinance. County Manager Van Haute stated that this agenda item was for the purpose of directing staff to initiate a Public Hearing to replace House Bill 300 with the new proposed ordinance.

Motion to authorize staff to advertise and schedule a Public Hearing for discussion and possible action on the proposed ordinance on compensation.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

15. Discussion and possible action regarding Permission to Drill - Inquiry and Discovery (Rick McAllister)

Mr. Rick McAllister provided information about the requirements for this project, the Oconee Overlook Project.

Mr. Billy Webster spoke about the letter presented to the board and inquired about specifics of the project.

County Manager Van Haute read the following message from Commissioner Hersey regarding Agenda item #15, “To: Putnam County Board of Commissioners, Re: Agenda item #2; January 16, 2024, “Approval of the Agenda”, Move to remove item #15 from the agenda, “Discussion and possible action regarding Permission to Drill – Inquiry and Discovery (Rick McAllister)”

This item is a violation of Section 2-37 of the County Ordinance in having a “citizen” place an item on the meeting agenda. Further, the letter to be approved cites a “concurrence” in support of a “private - public water system”. Such a concurrence could not be reached outside of an Open Meeting, which to my knowledge has yet to occur. If such a concurrence has been reached – and I would dissent – it may well have been in violation of the Open Meeting Law. Steve Hersey, District 3 Commissioner.”

Motion to delay the “Discussion for Permission to Drill – Inquiry and Discovery” until a future time, possibly the next meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney

Mr. Rick McAllister addressed the board regarding the delay and requested that the board take action due to the application requirements to avoid further delay in the project.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Reports/Announcements

16. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute thanked Public Works for their outstanding work clearing debris after the recent storms.

17. County Attorney Report

No report.

18. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: echoed the sentiments of County Manager Van Haute regarding Public Works. The staff have done an excellent job.

Commissioner Brown: praised Public Works and their outstanding crew.

Commissioner Wooten: thanked Public Works, EMS, and Fire for all they do and the excellent work they do. He also thanked Lisa Jackson for the work she does. Commissioner Wooten addressed County Clerk Lynn Butterworth, hoping she was watching the meeting, and encouraged her to stay strong and get better.

Chairman Sharp: asked that everyone pray for Lynn as she continues to fight this battle one day at a time.

Closing

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Donna Todd
Deputy County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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File Attachments for Item:

11. Authorization for Chairman to sign a letter for a public water supply system (staff-CA)



DISTRICT ONE:
GARY McELHENNEY

DISTRICT TWO:
DANIEL W. BROWN

CHAIRMAN:
B.W. "BILL" SHARP

DISTRICT THREE:
STEPHEN HERSEY

DISTRICT FOUR:
JEFFREY G. WOOTEN, SR.

February 2, 2024

Mrs. Lauren Sprayberry
Oconee Overlook, LLC
6350 Lake Oconee Parkway, Ste. 110 PMB 33
Greensboro, GA 30642

Re: Oconee Overlook, LLC Putnam County Parcel #104-032
Permission to drill – Inquiry and Discovery

Dear Mrs. Sprayberry:

This letter, from the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, in Putnam County, Georgia, states that the proposed project planned for parcel #104-032, is within the jurisdiction of Putnam County. Additionally, a majority of the board are in concurrence with the development of a privately-owned community public water supply system for the project.

Putnam County has no knowledge of active or abandoned landfills on or near this parcel.

Sincerely,

B.W. "Bill" Sharp, Chairman
Putnam County Board of Commissioners

File Attachments for Item:

12. Authorization for Chairman to sign a letter to be sent to the City of Eatonton to discuss SPLOST #10 projects (staff-CA)

February 2, 2024

Mayor John Reid
City of Eatonton
P O Box 3820
Eatonton, GA 31024

Dear Mayor Reid:

As you know, the county is currently collecting a one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), which expires _____.

In consideration of continuing to impose this tax, we are required under O.C.G.A. 48-8-111 to notify you of the date, time, place and purpose of a meeting at which the governing authorities of the county and municipality are to meet and discuss continuation of this tax.

Therefore, please be advised that an initial meeting as required is scheduled for _____ at approximately _____ a.m./p.m. in the Putnam County Administration Building, Room 203. *Our regular meeting begins at 10:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., therefore start time for the SPLOST meeting may be delayed.

Sincerely,

B.W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman
Putnam County Board of Commissioners

File Attachments for Item:

13. Update for plan for replacement of House Bill 300 with local legislation (staff-CA)

Section 2-54 - Compensation.

- a. Immediately upon the effective date of the repeal of any local act setting the compensation for members of the Board of Commissioner, and thereafter, compensation for the members of the Board of Commissioners shall be as follows:
 - 1. The chairperson shall receive a salary of \$750.00 per month.
 - 2. Each commissioner other than the chairperson shall receive a salary of \$650.00 per month.

- b. All compensation provided for in this section shall be payable monthly and shall be paid from county funds. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, the compensation provided for in this subsection shall constitute the entire compensation from all public sources to which the chairperson or commissioners shall be entitled, unless otherwise provided for by state law. The chairperson and commissioners shall not be entitled to any further compensation for serving on any boards or authorities by virtue of their office.

- c. Expenses for official county business incurred outside of the county are to be reimbursed to the commissioners at the same rate as county employees.

- d. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-1-11.1, as amended, members of the governing authority, as well as the dependents and beneficiaries of such officials, shall be entitled to receive, upon their election and in the same manner as provided county personnel, group health, life, disability, and liability insurance, retirement or pension coverage, social security and employment security coverage, or other similar or related employment benefits, as offered by the governing authority.

File Attachments for Item:

14. Commissioner Nominations for appointment to MGRC Aging Advisory Council (BS)



Middle Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging "Aging and Disability Resource Connections"

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John R. Harley, Chairman

Laura Mathis, Executive Director

MIDDLE GEORGIA ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____ YEAR OF BIRTH: _____

COUNTY:

SUITABILITY CATEGORY : CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- Persons who are over the age of 60
- Representatives of health care provider organizations
- Representatives of supportive services provider organizations
- Persons with leadership experience in the private and non-profit sectors
- Local elected official
- Representatives in the general public interested in aging services.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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NOTICE

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners is seeking qualified candidates for a position on the **Middle Georgia Aging Advisory Council**. The Advisory Council will provide critical input to the aging and disability services provided by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the years ahead. This seat is required to be held by someone from one of the following categories:

- persons who are over the age of 60
- representatives of health care provider organizations
- representatives of supportive services provider organizations
- persons with leadership experience in the private and non-profit sectors
- local elected official
- representatives in the general public interested in aging services

This appointment is for a two-year term. Meetings are held twice per year at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in Macon, Georgia.

Interested persons should submit an **application** to the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, 117 Putnam Drive, Suite A, Eatonton, Georgia 31024. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The board application form can be found on the county website at www.putnamcountyga.us (in the "How Do I..." or "Forms & Documents" sections) or by calling 706-485-5826.

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