



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Agenda

Friday, February 2, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Business Meeting

4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Agenda
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)
7. Presentation of 2017 Audit (staff-Finance)
8. Budget Adjustment request from the Tax Commissioner (staff-Tax Comm)
9. Discussion and possible action on Law Enforcement Shooting Range (DB)

Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report
11. County Attorney Report
12. Commissioner Announcements

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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 Adam Nelson
- County Manager Paul Van Haute
- Assistant County Manager Lisa Jackson
- County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:33 p.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Pastor Kevin Magness, Lakepoint Community Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hersey.

Zoning Public Hearing

- 4. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Patricia A. Wilson & M. John Wilson & ET AL to rezone 25,264.80 square feet (.58 acres) at Tract A, 151 Collis Marina Road from R-1 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 014] (staff-P&D)
- 5. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Mary Ellen Peebles Revocable Living Trust to rezone 26,571.60 square feet (.61 acres) at Tract B, 149 Collis Marina Road from R-1 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 013] (staff-P&D)
- 6. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Estate of Claude P. Duncan to rezone 20,037.60 square feet (.46 acres) at Tract C, 147 Collis Marina Road from R-1 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 012] (staff-P&D)

Zoning items #4, #5, and #6 were handled together. Mr. Rick McAllister spoke in support of these requests. No one signed in to speak against these items. Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following conditions: (1) the three parcels must be combined with each other and the adjacent parcel: Map 104B, Parcel 011, and cannot be used or sold as standalone parcels, (2) a 15-foot wide landscape buffer shall be established adjacent to all single-family residential zoned property, and (3) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plats as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Addison, to approve the requests by Rick McAllister: 1) as agent for Patricia A. Wilson & M. John Wilson & ET AL to rezone 25,264.80 square feet (.58 acres) at Tract A, 151 Collis Marina Road from R-1 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 014], 2) as agent for Mary Ellen Peebles Revocable Living Trust to rezone 26,571.60 square feet (.61 acres) at Tract B, 149 Collis Marina Road from R-1 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 013], and 3) as agent for Estate of Claude P. Duncan to rezone 20,037.60 square feet (.46 acres) at Tract C, 147 Collis Marina Road from R-1 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 012] with the following conditions: (1) the three parcels must be combined with each other and the adjacent parcel: Map 104B, Parcel 011, and cannot be used or sold as standalone parcels, (2) a 15-foot wide landscape buffer shall be established adjacent to all single-family residential zoned property, and (3) this rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plats as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes.

Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments
None

8. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hersey advised that an Executive Session was needed.

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

- 9. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - January 5, 2018 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
 - b. 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. (Copies of alcohol licenses made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

10. Discussion and possible action on Oconee Springs Park Improvement Plan (staff-OSP)
 County Manager Van Haute explained that funding for park improvements will come from accrued profits and FEMA. Lonnie and Susan Campbell presented ideas for growth, including closing the road in front of the park so it can become part of the park for parking cars and boats and larger RVs; this would also allow for cleanup of the old fence and wall. They also presented plans and quotes for a new pavilion.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, for staff to prepare engineered design bid package for a pavilion at Oconee Springs Park, not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copies of documents made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

11. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals) (AF) (tabled at 01-05-18 meeting)

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

Kaitlyn Parham – on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce – short term vacation rentals are a great way to encourage visitation and outside tax dollars and Chamber will support whatever changes are made; questioned how do homeowners know to register; encouraged everyone to tell their neighbors and to let everyone know there are consequences for not registering.

Mark Willett – everyone needs to register, but most people don’t know they need to; make it easy to apply; don’t make big restrictions; prefers Alternate 2.

Genny Willett – rental homes are maintained at a higher rate; all should pay hotel/motel tax; don’t do like Greene County; too many regulations deter even people that are total rule followers.

There was a motion on the floor from the last meeting and the December 19, 2017 meeting and this item will resume from that point:

“Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Chairman Hersey, to approve changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals) to include Alternate 1.”

After additional discussion, motion denied with Commissioner Foster voting yes and Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting no.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Appendix D (Short Term Vacation Rentals) with Alternate 2 and with the section numbers and letters listed in accordance. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Addison voting yes and Commissioner Foster and Chairman Hersey voting no. (Copy of changes made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

Meeting recessed at approximately 8:32 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:48 p.m.

12. Authorization for Chairman to sign Service Delivery Strategy Certificate of Extension (staff-CM)

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Chairman Hersey, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Service Delivery Strategy Certificate of Extension. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of certificate made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

13. Authorization for Chairman to sign letter to GDOT for concurrence with road closures in conjunction with the upcoming SR24-US441 widening project (staff-P&D)

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to GDOT for concurrence with road closures in conjunction with the upcoming SR24-US441 widening project. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of letter made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

14. Discussion on litter maintenance (AF)

Commissioner Foster commented that the county roads are looking terrible with all the litter. He advised that talked to the Public Buildings department and the Public Works department and that both could use extra fulltime workers. These employees could keep the roadways clean and be split between the two departments. He asked the board to please consider this and/or any other ideas. No action was taken.

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

Meeting closed at approximately 8:58 p.m.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to reopen the meeting and execute the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, Foster, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Meeting reopened at approximately 10:35 p.m.

14.3 Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

County Attorney Nelson reported that one litigation item was discussed and no action was taken.

Reports/Announcements

15. County Manager Report

No report.

16. County Attorney Report

No report.

17. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: announced he was proud of Commissioners Addison and Foster for their work on the short term rental ordinance

Commissioner Foster: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Hersey: none

Closing

18. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Stephen J. Hersey
Chairman

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The draft minutes of the January 16, 2018 Executive Session are available for Commissioner review in the Clerk's office.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Minutes

Friday, January 26, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, January 26, 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 Trevor Addison

ABSENT

Commissioner Alan Foster

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. 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 _____.)

Called Meeting

2. Setting of Qualifying Fees

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, to approve the qualifying fees for 2018 general election as outlined in the meeting package. Motion carried with Commissioners Irvin, Brown, and Addison and Chairman Hersey voting yes. (Copy of fees made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Closing

3. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:01 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
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Approval of 2018 Alcohol Licenses

The following alcohol license applications (which are available for review in the County Clerk’s office) have been approved by the Sheriff, Fire Marshal, Building Inspector, and Tax Commissioner and are ready for BOC approval:

Individual Name	Business Name	Address	Retail Package: Malt Beverages	Retail Package: Wine	Retail Package: Distilled Spirits	Retail Consumption on Premises: Malt Beverages and/or Wine	Retail Consumption on Premises: Distilled Spirits
John White	Lake Oconee Elks Lodge 2849	1116 Lake Oconee Parkway, Suite 2070				X	X
Nancy Faulconer	Who Cares	1027 Lake Oconee Parkway #10				X	X
Priyanka Chawla	J C Mart #4	1660 Madison Road	X	X			
Ginger Ryser	The Silver Moon	1077 Lake Oconee Parkway				X	X
Charles Eisele	Copperwood Pizza	105 Clack Circle Drive				X	

Backup material for agenda item:

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

From: Pam Lancaster <pctc117@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Steve Hersey; Alan Foster; Trevor Addison; Daniel Brown; Kelvin Irvin
Cc: Paul Van Haute; Linda Cook; Lynn Butterworth
Subject: Budget Adjustment Request
Attachments: PutnamCountyTax_Hosting_WAW-FOY8X1.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Below is information that will be submitted for your consideration at the next BOC meeting. This email is lengthy, but please bear with me as I explain the need for this budget adjustment.

The tax commissioner's office uses an IBM / AS400 computer as our main server to handle all of our property tax information. This computer was purchased in 2002 at a cost of \$9,000.00, and a major upgrade was made to the system again in 2008, at a cost of \$20,395.00. Other updates were done in 2013 for \$5,500.00 and in 2016 for \$4,700.00. To date, the county has invested \$39,595.00 in this one computer alone. If we were to keep this system, it currently needs a new backup battery at a cost of \$2,100.00, and it will need another upgrade in 2019 at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. These amounts do not include approximately \$2,600.00 per year that is budgeted for routine annual maintenance of the machine.

For the past couple of years, I have been exploring other options to replace this old system. To actually replace this computer, cost estimates have been in the range of \$30,000.00. I do not consider this a viable option.

After researching the issue and talking with other tax commissioners in Georgia, I believe that an off-site hosting service is our best solution. Harris Computer Systems is the company that currently provides software to manage our property tax program and billing. A little over a year ago, Harris invested several million dollars in computers and equipment to provide state-of-the-art backup and hosting solutions for their clients. Harris has signed up over 75 customers for their backup and hosting solutions in the past year, many of them being tax commissioners' offices in Georgia. I have personally spoken with several of the tax commissioners who are now using this service. Each tax commissioner with whom I have spoken has been very pleased with their new service and the cost. By eliminating the IBM AS400 from our office, we not only eliminate the cost of maintaining the system itself, but we no longer have the annual maintenance costs, upgrades every three years, power costs, or worries of having to deal with daily backup tapes. Additionally, because Harris currently provides our software and billing services, they understand our needs and can provide the best service for their program.

Of course, this service comes at a cost. However, based on the amounts we have spent and would continue to spend to maintain the old server, Harris hosting solutions is a much less expensive alternative going forward.

Attached is a quote from Harris to set up hosting services for our office:
One-time costs to set-up, upgrade, configure, and install the system is \$8,650.00.
Annually recurring costs, including software licenses and hosting services total \$9,420.00 per year.

The total quote is for \$18,070.00.
Part of this can immediately be off-set by \$6,400.00 that is already budgeted for annual licenses and IBM maintenance. (Therefore, annual costs would increase approximately \$3,020.00 per year).

Based on this information, I am requesting a total budget adjustment of \$11,670.00.

This need is real and immediate. From December 12-26, 2017, we were unable to process any property tax payments due to problems with our old system. It took two full weeks to get the issues resolved. While payments backed up in the office, I was unable to print reports for cash pay-outs to the school, county and city. Fortunately, the system was restored with little cost in terms of dollars this time, but we certainly do not want to repeat the agony that was caused from this breakdown in the system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I sincerely appreciate your time and attention to this matter.
Pam

Pamela K. Lancaster, C.P.A.
Putnam County Tax Commissioner
100 S. Jefferson Avenue, Suite 207
Eatonton, GA 31024

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www.putnamgatax.com

Date: 1/16/2018
 Quote#: WAW-F0Y8X1
 Effective To: 2/28/2018
 Prepared By: Allison Whelchel

This understanding between **Putnam County Tax Commission** at 100 S Jefferson Avenue Ste. 207, Eatonton GA 31024 ("Purchaser") and **Tailored Business Systems** at 2429 Military Road Suite 300, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 ("Harris") confirms the purchase of the following licensed software products and/or services:

Qty	Item	Price	Ext Amount
SOFTWARE LICENSES:			
1	Sturgis/TBS Online Payment interface - Automatic upload of billing file to Sturgis - Nightly	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total SOFTWARE LICENSES:			\$1,500.00
HOSTING SERVICES:			
1	TBS - Application Service Provider - Hosting Service \$110 per single user per month \$165 per multi user per month 2 Single users 4 Multi users	\$10,560.00	\$10,560.00
Support Services			
1	Hosting Discount - TBS Discounting the cost of the Multi-user Licenses providing quote is approved and returned by 2/28/18.	(\$2,640.00)	(\$2,640.00)
Subtotal			(\$2,640.00)
Total HOSTING SERVICES:			\$7,920.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:			
Application Consulting			
1	Professional Services - TBS Project Management and Hosting Set up: *User set up *Menus to be created & compiled *Library creation *Data creation *Custom programming libraries creation *Client access installation on workstation	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Subtotal			\$3,200.00

Infrastructure

20	Configuration/Installation - TBS Local Site Survey:	\$150.00	\$3,000.00
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Determine placement of new workstations.
 Determine Additional Cabling Needs/Network Access to TBS and Gratis
 Determine Possible Power Issues (Outlets)

Harris Office Setup:

Setup/Install of new workstations for TBS/Gratis
 Install Additional NIC card in workstations
 Install TBS Client Software
 Install Gratis Mochasoft Software

On-Site Setup to move Gratis to PC's

Install workstation in place of Gratis Thin-Client
 Install / Setup Gratis Printer.
 Test Gratis PC Terminal Emulator and Printing
 Test TBS Client and Printing to Gratis printer

1	Configuration/Installation - TBS PC configuration for each user VPN configuration / Firewall set up	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
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Subtotal **\$4,200.00**

Total PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: \$7,400.00

HARDWARE:

1	TBS - Misc Hardware Network Switches and Patch Cables. Network Interface Cards	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
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Dell OptiPlex 3050 Mini-Tower

Core i3
 4GB memory
 Windows 10 Pro
 20" LCD Display
 Keyboard/Mouse

3 Year Warranty from Dell
 *** Call (800) 624-9896 for Hardware Support from Dell ***

Configuration/Installation of Workstation will be quoted in a separate line item

Total HARDWARE: \$1,250.00

TOTAL: \$18,070.00

Thank you so much for your continued support and business!

All items quoted will be added to coincide with your current maintenance agreement and pro-rated if necessary.

To move forward with this purchase, please approve this quote/contract and return to:

Allison Whelchel
 awhelchel@harrislocalgov.com

Payment Terms: Order will be processed with the return of signed quote. Licenses, hardware and services, including travel and lodging expenses, will be billed as product is delivered and/or the work is performed.

Travel and Lodging for Services: All charges are exclusive of out-of-pocket expenses for services performed. Charges for actual and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to travel and lodging expenses, will be billed monthly as accrued.

Travel and lodging expenses will be billed in conjunction with any services work performed at the Purchaser’s offices by Harris personnel. Lodging expenses will include hotel expenses and will only be charged if an employee is required to spend the evening. Travel expenses may include airfare if the employee is required to travel by air to reach the Purchaser’s offices. Travel may include the cost of a rental car. If an employee uses his/her personal vehicle, mileage will be charged at the currently published IRS reimbursement rate. When an employee is at or traveling to the Purchaser’s offices, fifty-five dollars (\$55) per day will be charged to cover meals and incidentals. If an employee must travel on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, or is at the purchaser’s office on a holiday, one hundred-ten dollars (\$110) per day will be charged to cover meals and incidentals.

Harris will use its best efforts to minimize all travel and lodging expenses. Only actual travel and lodging expenses will be billed to the Purchaser.

Applicable Tax: Quote does not include applicable sales tax. If the Purchaser is Tax Exempt, a Tax Exemption Certificate (or other documentation) must be provided with this signed Contract. Otherwise, applicable sales tax will be applied at the time of billing.

Purchaser: **Putnam County Tax Commission (GA)**

By: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Backup material for agenda item:

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



Putnam County Sheriff's Office
111 Ridley Drive, Eatonton, Georgia 31024

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December 28, 2017

Reference: Firearms and Training Area

Dear Commissioner Brown,

Thank you sir for taking a few minutes of your time with me at the Mothers Against Crime dinner. Before I get into the details of this correspondence, I will give you a brief background and my role here at the Sheriff's Office. I have been with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for 11 years. A little over seven years were spent in the patrol division and the past three and a half years I have been assigned to Narcotics investigations as a detective. During the past ten years, I have become a General Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Shotgun Instructor, Speed Detection Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, attended SWAT school and four Police Counter Sniper Schools in Georgia and Alabama. I am responsible for providing general training, firearms training and yearly firearms qualifications.

The governing body of Law Enforcement in Georgia is the Georgia Police Officers Standards and Training Council (POST). POST regulates what standards and training we as a law enforcement officer must maintain with a minimum of 20 training hours annually. This includes annual qualifications with our firearms. POST also strongly encourages all agencies to set the standards of training higher at the agency level. I take great pride in being the firearms instructor here and push that idea of setting our training at a higher level than the required basic. I try to bring the knowledge and experience that I have acquired over the years to the range every time we train.

This required training is why I am contacting you. In the past, we have been limited to using the Georgia Power Pistol Range at Plant Branch. Georgia Power has been good to us in the past but the future there is uncertain. They have not been able to give me definitive answers to what the future holds for the range. To add to that, the range is as I stated "a pistol range" and barely adequate for our training needs. Effective 2017 we are required to qualify with our pistols, shotgun, patrol rifle and I am required to qualify with my counter sniper long range rifle at a minimum range of 100 yards. The Georgia Power range is only approximately 75 yards at the longest point. Additionally, we are at the mercy of Georgia Power and the various contractors associated with the area now. We have to ask permission to use the range weeks in advance and are denied access at times.

I began looking at options and found that the County owns 105 acres on Reid Dr. I visited the location and could not believe my eyes. The County owns a "perfect" range location that would require a very minimal amount of work to make it a great training facility for the Sheriff's Office. I did somewhat of an impact study if you will and have provided pictures of the area. The nearest residence is approximately 1000 feet opposite of the direction that the range would face. The nearest residence in the direction of the range is approximately 3400 feet down range. I'm not going to try and provide you with all of my dreams of a range, just the basics so that I may get some discussion generated among the commissioners. I am accessible all hours of the day and night; it comes from being assigned to the narcotics division. Please call, text or email me at any time with any questions, concerns or additional information that you may like to have.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Detective J. D. Turk

PCSO

478-288-7967

dturk@putnamcountysheriff.org





