

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, June 7, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 7, 2019 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp
Commissioner Trevor Addison

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

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

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2. Invocation

Mr. Lonnie Campbell gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Special Presentation

a. Departmental Presentation - Oconee Springs Park

Oconee Springs Park Manager Lonnie Campbell and his wife Susan, who is the Program Coordinator, gave an update on the Park. The park has been undergoing some growing pains due to the recent ruling by DNR that our long-term campers had to move out. This left conditions in an upheaval, but cleaning is underway and its starting to look like a great campground. Due to this change, the open sites went from about 23 to about 75. The new billboards in the Atlanta area are catching attention and being talked about. Susan announced that the Wibit inflatable water park components are supposed to be delivered today. There will be a water slide that is 16' tall x 9 1/2' wide and a trampoline joined together by a swim step. They are very excited about this great addition and along with an improved swimming area and beach area, things are looking better for the future. The inflatables will be deflated in the off season and stored at the county Administration Building. They are hoping to have the new addition ready by July 4, 2019

Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

County Manager Van Haute announced that his Admin Assistant, Stephanie McMullen, has assumed the additional duty of Public Information Officer.

Mr. Don Cottrell commented on D-Day and the draft.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - May 21, 2019 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2019 Work Session (staff-CC)
- d. Approval of 2019 Alcohol License (staff-CC)
- e. Ratification of Appointment(s) to the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee (BW)
- f. Authorization for Chairman to sign 2019 ACCG-GHBP Health Promotion & Wellbeing Grant Application (staff-HR)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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8. Authorization for Chairman to sign Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement (staff-Fin)
Circuit Public Defender John Bradley answered questions and explained that the requested budget amounts to each county are based on population and that Putnam County's is the same as last year.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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9. Approval of the 2019-2020 Contract between Putnam County and the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce (BW)

Chairman Webster explained that this is an updated contract that includes additional funding for conducting and completing an assessment of current and proposed short term vacation rentals within the county. Chamber President Roddie Anne Blackwell reported that Host Compliance (the company performing the assessment) does have enough information ready to get us started and that the Chamber will promote these homes free of charge if registered with the county.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Contract between Putnam County and Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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10. Request for Funding from Middle Georgia Regional Commission for the 21st Century Partnership (staff-CM)

Chairman Webster announced a conflict of interest for this item and recused himself from discussion and action. He turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Addison.

Motion to approve the request for funding from Middle Georgia Regional Commission for the 21st Century Partnership.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Addison

Motion to reconsider the previous action.

Motion made by: Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Motion to deny the request for funding from Middle Georgia Regional Commission for the 21st Century Partnership.

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Addison**

Chairman Webster continued with the meeting.

Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report
No report

12. County Attorney Report
No report

13. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: encouraged shopping in downtown stores.

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Addison: commented on the 60th annual Dairy Festival and gave thanks to the Pilot Club, Fire Department, EMS, Sheriff's Office, and the City of Eatonton. He gave special thanks to employees Mitchell Harris and Torrey Whittaker who went above and beyond to make this year's Festival a success.

Chairman Webster: none

Executive Session

14. Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for
Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,
Commissioner Addison**

Meeting closed at approximately 10:00 a.m.

15. Motion to reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

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

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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Meeting reopened at approximately 11:01 a.m.

16. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

County Attorney Nelson reported that one personnel matter was discussed with no final action taken.

Closing

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman