

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM 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

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Barry Fleming
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

3. Invocation

Pastor James Smith gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (DB)

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zoning/Public Hearing

5. Request by Sharon Pennamon for a conditional use on Glenwood Springs Road. Presently zoned AG-1. [Map 050, Parcel 002001, District 1] (staff-P&D)

Ms. Sharon Pennamon spoke in support of this request and submitted handouts. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Staff recommendation was for approval of conditional use for a community center located on Glenwood Springs Road and identified as Map 050, Parcel 002001, with the following conditions:

1. The development shall substantially comply with the submitted plans in support of the conditional use application.
2. The uses allowed under the conditional use shall be limited to those that conform with agricultural education pursuits, to include recreational and instructional uses for youth development and afterschool programming, and any other use or accessory use allowed within AG-1.
3. Subject to Section 66-157 of the Code of Ordinances, this conditional use permit shall be issued for a period of two years and will be reviewed for compliance.

Motion to approve the request by Sharon Pennamon for a conditional use on Glenwood Springs Road [Map 050, Parcel 002001] with the following conditions:

- 1. The development shall substantially comply with the submitted plans in support of the conditional use application.**
- 2. The uses allowed under the conditional use shall be limited to those that conform with agricultural education pursuits, to include recreational and instructional uses for youth development and afterschool programming, and any other use or accessory use allowed within AG-1.**
- 3. Subject to Section 66-157 of the Code of Ordinances, this conditional use permit shall be issued for a period of two years and will be reviewed for compliance.**

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

The following individuals commented on silt in the cove at East and West River Bend Drive.

Ms. Marian Buckley (submitted power point and photos), Mr. Ed Buckley, Mr. Doug Greer (submitted photos), Mr. Steve Risley (submitted power point), Mr. Bob Turner, Mr. Jim Armata, Ms. Susan Clark, Mr. Owen Kelley, Ms. Laura Buttimer, and Mr. Ralph Harrison.

Ms. Karen Henry-Garrett and Mr. Richard Garrett commented on courthouse use, the number of times it can be used, and what security is required.

Ms. Jana Stokes commented on courthouse use and police in schools.

7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes - July 10, 2020 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
 - b. Approval of Minutes - July 10, 2020 Budget Work Session (staff-CC)
 - c. Approval of Minutes - July 13, 2020 Budget Work Session (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

8. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Application from C.A. Murren and Sons (staff-CC)
Mr. Scott Hendricks from Georgia Power explained the project and answered questions

Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Permit Application from C.A. Murren and Sons

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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9. Authorization for Chairman to sign 2020-2021 Contract with Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce (staff-CC)

Chamber President Roddie Anne Blackwell answered questions about the contract.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2020-2021 Contract with the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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10. Approval of Updated List of Roadways (LOR) for Speed Limits (staff-PW)

Motion to approve the Updated List of Roadways (LOR) for Speed Limits.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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11. Discussion and possible action regarding the Board of Elections and Registration (BER) compensation (BW)

BER Chairman Charles Patten spoke in support of leaving board members pay the same as is, paid per month, not per meeting. BER Board Member Lorraine Webb also spoke about board member attendance at meetings.

Motion to leave compensation for the Board of Elections and Registration as is.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

12. Discussion and possible action concerning disposition of Jimmy Davis Park (BW)
Chairman Webster explained that Jimmy Davis Park requires a disproportionate amount of oversight and expenses compared to the other county Recreational facilities. It is believed the facility could be better utilized by the City of Eatonton.

Motion to authorize the staff to enter into negotiations to transfer Jimmy Davis Park to the City of Eatonton.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Reports/Announcements

13. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reminded the board that the Leadership Putnam Class would be meeting at the Administration Building on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for their Government class.

14. County Attorney Report

No report.

15. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: reminded everyone to fill out their Census

Chairman Webster: none

Closing

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman