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**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 ♦ 1:00 PM**  
107 S. Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA 31024

The Putnam Development Authority met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at approximately 1:00 PM in the Putnam Development Authority Office, 107 S. Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia.

*PRESENT*

Chairman Walt Rocker III  
Member Brice Doolittle  
Member Mylle Mangum  
Member John Wojtas

*ABSENT*

Member Patty Burns

*OTHERS PRESENT*

Attorney Kevin Brown  
Economic Development Director Matt Poyner  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

**Opening**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rocker called the meeting to order at approximately 1:01 p.m.  
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

**Minutes**

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. December 9, 2025 Executive Session

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.**

**Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Doolittle.**

**Voting Yea: Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**

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**Financials**

3. Approval of Financials - December 2025

Executive Director Poyner reviewed the December Financials in Member Burns’ absence.

**Motion to approve the December 2025 Financials.**

**Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Doolittle.**

**Voting Yea: Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**

(Copy of financials made a part of the minutes.)

**Reports**

4. Economic Development Director Report

Executive Director Matt Poyner reported the following:

(Copy of report made a part of the minutes)

- Administrative
  - Audit
  - Governmental Accounting Standards Board
  - Developer looking for land within city limits
  - DCA annual rankings
- Business & Industry Company Contacts
  - Local Industry
- Workforce Development
  - Putnam College & Career Academy
  - MGEA
- Marketing & Branding
  - Marketing
- Project Status
  - Project activity
- Rock Eagle Technology Park
  - Miscellaneous
- South Industrial Park
  - Property overview

**Regular Business**

5. Presentation by Jim Stone-Tytan Pictures, and possible action

Tytan Pictures CEO Jim Stone, Director of Photography Brad Kremer, and Studio Manager Katie Hopwood made a presentation to the PDA. They played a video of Mr. Stone’s experiences creating videos for the PDA and the Putnam County he knows. He advised that 20 short films, that highlight people, places, and everyday life, have been made and 10 more are in production. They also presented a PowerPoint entitled "Putnam County Storytelling Strategy.” Mr. Stone requested to withdraw his contract proposal of December 12, 2025. He advised that he should be able to provide a new proposal within a week or so. No action was taken.

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6. Discussion and possible action on Highway 441 Appraisal (tabled from 12-9-25 meeting)  
**Motion to table this item until the next meeting.**  
**Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Mangum.**  
**Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**

**Other Business**

7. Other Business  
Executive Director Poyner reminded board members of the need to get two more hours of continuing education.

**Next Meeting Items**

8. Next Meeting Items  
None

**Executive Session**

9. 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 as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Real Estate and Litigation purposes.**  
**Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Doolittle.**  
**Voting Yea: Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**

Meeting closed at approximately 2:28 p.m.

10. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting  
**Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.**  
**Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Mangum.**  
**Voting Yea: Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**  
(Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes.)

Meeting reconvened at approximately 2:42 p.m.

11. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session  
**Motion to move forward with and proceed with Project Mallard negotiations.**  
**Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Doolittle.**  
**Voting Yea: Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**

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**Closing**

12. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Member Doolittle, Seconded by Member Mangum.**

**Voting Yea: Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Walt Rocker III  
Chairman

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