

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 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 Trevor Addison

ABSENT

Commissioner Bill Sharp

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Barry Fleming
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 6:30 p.m.
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2. Invocation

County Attorney Barry Fleming gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

Chairman Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Special Presentations

a. Proclamation for the 2019 Putnam County 13 to 14 Dixie Boys Baseball All-Star Team
A Proclamation was presented to the 2019 Putnam County 13 to 14 Dixie Boys Baseball All-Star team for finishing third place in the Dixie Boys World Series.

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b. Retirement Proclamation - Mr. Gary McElhenney

Mr. Gary McElhenney couldn't be here. Presentation was delayed until another time.

c. Presentation by Teresa Doster concerning Rural Zone Designation

City Councilwoman Teresa Doster distributed handouts explaining the City of Eatonton's recently awarded Rural Zone Designation. Eatonton is one of 25 cities in the state to get this designation. It is good for a five-year period starting in 2020 and going to the end of 2024. Businesses within the designated zone can get a Job Tax Credit, an Investment Credit, and a Rehabilitation Credit.

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Zoning Public Hearing

5. Request by Beverly Ralston to rezone 13.70 acres at 182 Alexander Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 096, Parcel 009, District 2] (staff-P&D)

Mrs. Shelby Collis spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning & Development Staff recommendation was for approval.

Motion to approve the request by Beverly Ralston to rezone 13.70 acres at 182 Alexander Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 096, Parcel 009, District 2].

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

6. Request by Gary Thompson to rezone 28.85 acres at 123 Beaver Dam Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 021, Parcel 007, District 1] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Gary Thompson spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development Staff recommendation was for approval.

Motion to approve the request by Gary Thompson to rezone 28.82 acres at 123 Beaver Dam Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 021, Parcel 007, District 1].

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

7. Request by Jason Minchey, Lazarus Investments LLC to rezone 23.38 acres at 116 Napier Mill Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 056, Parcel 001, District 4] (staff-P&D)
Mr. Jason Minchey spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning & Development Staff recommendation was for approval.

Motion to approve the request by Jason Minchey, Lazarus Investments LLC to rezone 23.38 acres at 116 Napier Mill Road from AG-1 to AG-2 [Map 056, Parcel 001, District 4].

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

Regular Business Meeting

8. Public Comments

None

9. Approval of Agenda

County Manager Van Haute requested to delete agenda item #11 "Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution to revise the Defined Benefit Plan" due to the late arrival of the documents.

Motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item #11.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

10. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2019 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2019 Executive Session (staff-CC)

c. Approval of Minutes - November 6, 2019 Called Meeting (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

11. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution to revise the Defined Benefit Plan (staff-Finance)

Removed from the agenda.

12. Discussion and possible action on LMIG Road Selection (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute reminded everyone that the roads were discussed during a recent called meeting, along with the possibility of patching some roads. Due to the poor conditions of the road, patching will not be an option. Consultant Larry Kaiser and Public Works Director Tony Clack revisited the roads and Mr. Kaiser presented an updated spreadsheet of options.

Motion to approve the LMIG road selection as follows:

For District One: Shadow Lake Drive from Parks Mill Road to the Cul-de-sac for \$45,000.

For District Two: Dance Road from SR 44 to Lower Harmony for \$245,000 and Texas Chapel Drive from Oconee Springs Road to Texas Chapel Road for \$246,000.

For District Three: Ardennes Drive from Normandy Road to Cul-de-Sac for \$45,000 and Woodhaven Drive from Cul-de-Sac to Cul-de-Sac for \$78,000.

For District Four: Bear Creek Road from Avant Road to Avant Road for \$167,000 and patching of Bark Circle, Willow Trace Court, and Willow Forest Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison
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13. Discussion and possible action concerning Local Legislation for a referendum on one mill for Putnam General Hospital (staff-CA)

Mr. Alan Horton, Mr. Jerry Gregory, and Mr. Tom Thompson spoke in support of this item. They proposed 10 years of one mill of taxes dedicated to Putnam General Hospital.

Motion to authorize Legal Counsel and staff to pursue a referendum for a ballot in 2020 to authorize the Board Commissioners to allocate one mill of taxes for six years not to exceed \$7.5 million and to report back to this board with a referendum reflecting such or report the details which would cause us to change how we would move forward.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

14. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution requesting Local Legislation for a referendum on Sunday Alcohol Sales beginning at 11:00 AM (BW)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution requesting Local Legislation for a referendum on Sunday Alcohol Sales beginning at 11:00 AM.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Addison

Voting Nay: Commissioner Brown

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15. Awarding of Solicitation 19-42001-002 Asphaltic Concrete Resurfacing (staff-CM)

Motion to award Solicitation 19-42001-002 Asphaltic Concrete Resurfacing to Pittman Construction at \$2,751,707.46.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

16. Awarding of Solicitation 19-42001-003 Old Phoenix Road Auxiliary Lane Construction (staff-CM)

Motion to award Solicitation 19-42001-003 Old Phoenix Road Auxiliary Lane Construction to Peach State Construction Company at \$170,369.00 plus the additional length of 200 feet at \$91,696.00 for a total of \$262,065.00 contingent upon receipt of Subcontractor E-Verify Affidavit and Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

17. Discussion and possible action concerning inappropriate use of county property (BW)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter restricting Mrs. Janie Reid from use of county property until 11/19/2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

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18. Sinclair Water Authority Update (TA)

Commissioner Addison distributed a handout and gave an overview of the Sinclair Water Authority bond refinancing and 2020 budget. No action was taken.

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Reports/Announcements

19. County Manager Report

No report.

20. County Attorney Report

No report.

21. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: absent

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Webster: none

Executive Session

22. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

Meeting closed at approximately 9:11 p.m.

23. 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 Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 9:24 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

Closing

25. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman