

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 20, 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 Bill Sharp
Commissioner Trevor Addison

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson
Finance Director Linda Cook
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

The invocation was given by Commissioner Sharp.

3. Pledge of Allegiance (DB)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brown.

Budget Public Hearing

4. Presentation of Proposed FY20 Budget (staff-CM & Finance)

County Manager Van Haute presented a Power Point with facts and figures regarding the FY20 Budget.

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5. Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Commissioner Irvin commented that it was a pleasure to work with the team on this year's budget.

Commissioner Addison gave thanks to all and commented that this was the most collaborative and streamlined budget process. He also commended Chairman Webster saying that leadership sets the tone.

Commissioner Sharp thanked Finance Director Cook and County Manager Van Haute for their work on the budget, commenting that this was a learning process for him. He also gave compliments to the other commissioners and Chairman Webster.

Commissioner Brown echoed Commissioner Addison's comments and added that it was great to see everyone doing everything they can to manage taxpayer money. He also thanked County Manager Van Haute and Finance Director Cook for their hard work.

County Manager Van Haute thanked Finance Director Cook and her staff for their work on the budget.

Chairman Webster expressed his appreciation for the efforts that everyone has put in to this year's budget. He specifically thanked Finance Director Cook for the long hours she has spent working on the budget.

6. Comments from the Public

None

Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments

Mr. Bill Page commented on Putnam General Hospital and the one mill they requested to help with indigent costs.

Public Works Director Tony Clack advised that he gets lots of questions about cutting the grass on the side of the county roads. He explained that it is hard to get personnel and they are doing what they can. He also asked the board to please review the cost of living increase in this year's budget, saying that everyone is grateful for whatever the board can do, but a 3% COLA instead of a 2% would make a big difference to his employees without making a big difference in the overall budget.

8. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

9. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - August 2, 2019 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - August 2, 2019 Executive Session (staff-CC)

c. Approval of Minutes - August 9, 2019 Budget Work Session (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

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

Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

No report.

11. County Attorney Report

No report.

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Webster: none

Executive Session

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

Motion to enter Executive Session for personnel, litigation, and real estate purposes.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Meeting closed at approximately 7:00 p.m.

14. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

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

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:11 p.m.

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

Per County Attorney Nelson: one real estate matter, one personnel matter, and one litigation matter were discussed with no final action taken.

Closing

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman