

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 22, 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 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. Invocation

Cynthia Wallace gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Special Presentation by Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce (BW)

Ms. Hayley Chandler, Tourism and Special Events Coordinator for the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce, presented a recap of 2018 and an update on projects for 2019.
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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Ms. Karen Henry-Garrett, Mr. Richard Garrett, Mr. John Montgomery, and Ms. Erin Keating commented on the county swimming pool. Mr. Michael Gallagher commented on short term rentals.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - January 11, 2019 (staff-CC)

b. Approval of 2019 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

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

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8. Approval of Local Legislation concerning Magistrate Court (BW)

Motion to approve the Resolution concerning Magistrate Court and authorize the Chairman to sign and the County Clerk to fund the required ads.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

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

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9. Approval of Resolution Declaring Results of SPLOST Election (staff-CA)

Motion to approve the Resolution declaring the results of the SPLOST election and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

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

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10. Appointment to the Oconee River Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council (BW)

Nomination for Bill Sharp to serve on the Oconee River Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Nomination made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting for Bill Sharp: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Sharp

11. Recommendation for member on the Upper Oconee Regional Water Planning Council (BW)

Motion for Bill Sharp to be recommended for membership on the Upper Oconee Regional Water Planning Council and authorization for the County Clerk to submit a letter of notification to the Council.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Addison

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Sharp

12. Discussion on improving Public Participation on Committees and Authorities (BW)

Chairman Webster requested ideas and suggestions for how to generate more citizens volunteers for boards and committees. Ideas included commissioners recruiting people, notifying Leadership Putnam about vacancies, inviting the city government to help find volunteers, and posting detailed information about the various board vacancies on Facebook with a direct link to the application. No action was taken.

Reports/Announcements

13. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Meeting on January 25, 2019 at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for a recap on what has happened so far concerning consolidation
- Public Works projects are a little behind due to weather
- Please remember employee Eric Reid and former employee Ginger Moore and their families in your prayers due to recent medical issues

14. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Fleming reported on the issue that came up last year regarding the Tax Commissioner and what the law requires to be charged to the Board of Education for collecting property taxes. The law requires a charge of 2 ½% and the only way to charge less is by local legislation. He advised that if the board is wanting to make a change it needs to be done quickly to get in this year.

15. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Addison: none

Chairman Webster: none

Closing

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman