

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Called Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024 ♦ 6:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on April 11, 2024 at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Steve Hersey
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

ABSENT

Commissioner Gary McElhenney

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Deputy County Clerk Donna Todd

STAFF ABSENT

County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation

County Attorney Adam Nelson gave the invocation.

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4. Pledge of Allegiance (SH)
Commissioner Hersey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Mr. William Vargo spoke on the general obligation bonds and questioned where the balance of the yearly payment be acquired. He requested that we only spend \$3 million.

Ms. Jennifer Ray spoke against the general obligation bonds stating she did not vote for them. She said the bonds are not necessary and that Putnam County should be conservative with its funds.

6. Authorization for Chairman to sign the Resolution to issue General Obligation Bonds (item from April 5, 2024 Agenda)

County Attorney Nelson stated that the resolution certifies the results of the election. It does not make any decision about money amounts; it only certifies that the bonds can be validated in superior court.

Commissioner Hersey questioned the purpose for tonight’s meeting since the item in question was presented at the April 5 meeting and motions were made and defeated. He also questioned the wording in the referendum versus the wording in the resolution. Commissioner Hersey also voiced concern about paying the debt, stating he had not seen anything in writing.

Commissioner Brown made a request to end the discussion.

Chairman Sharp said the resolution is meant to ratify what the voters have said, and that Commissioner Hersey’s comments are not relevant to the matter at hand and stated that he could not allow Commissioner Hersey to continue speaking and recognized Commissioner Brown to allow him to make a motion to end the debate.

Motion to end the debate regarding the Resolution to issue General Obligation Bonds.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten, Chairman Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

Commissioner Hersey excused himself from the meeting at approximately 6:22 p.m.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution to issue General Obligation bonds.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

(Copy of resolution made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

7. Approve Alcohol Licenses

Motion to Approve Alcohol Licenses for the following businesses: Lakeside Bait and Tackle, Oconee Outdoors, Crooked Creek Marina, The Grill at Crooked Creek Marina, The Turn, and The Silver Moon.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

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Closing

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Donna Todd
Deputy County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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