

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

### *PRESENT*

Chairman Billy Webster  
Commissioner Gary McElhenney  
Commissioner Bill Sharp  
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

### *ABSENT*

Commissioner Daniel Brown

### *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. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

3. Invocation - Pastor David Wofford, Eatonton First United Methodist Church

Pastor David Wofford gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Regular Business Meeting**

5. Public Comments

Mr. Michael Benton, new Uncle Remus Golf Course Superintendent, introduced himself and gave an update on that status of the golf course.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - June 4, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - June 4, 2021 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Authorization for Chairman to sign 2021 ACCG-Group Health Benefits Program Health Promotion & Wellbeing Grant Application (staff-HR)
- d. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Section 5311 Transit Operating and Capital Assistance Agreement (staff-Transit)
- e. Authorization for Chairman to sign Final Subdivision Plat for Overlook at Pea Ridge (staff-P&D)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**  
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7. Request by Howard McMichael, Jr. to remove the trees in the right of way along Scott Road (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute explained that the 170 acre project on Scott Road is getting under way.

**Motion to approve the request by Howard McMichael, Jr. to remove the trees in the right of way along Scott Road in front of his property.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

8. Appointment of Chairperson of the Putnam County Board of Elections and Registration (staff-CC)

**Motion to appoint Charles Patten as Chairperson of the Putnam County Board of Elections and Registration.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

9. Authorization for Chairman to sign FY2022 Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement (staff-Finance)

Circuit Public Defender John Bradley reviewed the agreement and answered questions.

**Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the FY2022 Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**  
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10. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution to Call for a Referendum Imposing a Special District Mass Transportation Sales and Use Tax (staff-CM)

**Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution to Call for a Referendum Imposing a Special District Mass Transportation Sales and Use Tax.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**  
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**Reports/Announcements**

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that plans for the right turn deceleration lane on Dennis station for Interfor had been drawn and will be going out to bid soon.

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: advised that on June 11, 2021 he finished the last of the core classes for the ACCG Certified Commissioner program.

Commissioner Brown: absent

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: commented that the May/June 2021 issue of James Magazine has an article on the most influential attorneys in the state of Georgia and our own County Attorney, Barry Fleming, is listed there.

**Closing**

14. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman

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