

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Friday, August 7, 2020 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, August 7, 2020 at approximately 9:00 AM 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

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Adam Nelson  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

## Opening

### 1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.  
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### 2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda with removal of item #10 "Discussion and possible action regarding entering into a contract with the Morgan County Board of Commissioners to pave miscellaneous roads (1.33 miles) and be reimbursed under the terms of the estimate and contract."**

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

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

### 3. Invocation

County Attorney Adam Nelson gave the invocation.

### 4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Road Abandonment Public Hearing**

5. Consideration of Road Abandonment - portion of Little-Minton Road (BW)  
Chairman Webster called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.  
No one signed in to speak for or against the consideration of abandoning a portion of Little-Minton Road.  
Chairman Webster closed the Public Hearing at approximately 9:07 a.m.

### **Code of Ordinances Public Hearing**

6. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages)  
Chairman Webster called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 9:07 a.m.  
No one signed in to speak for or against the proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages).

#### **Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages).**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**  
**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp**  
**Voting Nay: Commissioner Brown**

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Chairman Webster closed the Public Hearing at approximately 9:10 a.m.

### **Regular Business Meeting**

7. Public Comments  
None

8. Consent Agenda  
a. Approval of Minutes - July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

#### **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp**

9. Authorization for the Chairman to sign a letter to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for Technical Assistance on achieving a Broadband Ready Community Designation (staff-CM)

#### **Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for Technical Assistance on achieving a Broadband Ready Community Designation.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp**  
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10. Discussion and possible action regarding entering into a contract with the Morgan County Board of Commissioners to pave miscellaneous roads (1.33 miles) and be reimbursed under the terms of the estimate and contract (staff-CM)

This item was removed from the agenda.

11. Approval of Revised General Guidelines for use of County Property (BW)  
Chairman Webster reviewed the proposed changes and pointed out one clerical error. New addition #3 should read "County Property may only be used twice in a calendar year by any one individual or non-governmental group." The word "non-governmental" was left out of the proposal.

**Motion to approve the changes to the General Guidelines for use of County Property with a change to new addition #1 to read "A fee of \$300 per event is required, with \$150 of it being refundable if approved."**

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

**Amended motion to leave new addition #1 as "A fee of \$200 per event is required, with \$100 of it being refundable if approved."**

**Amended motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

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

Vote on original motion as amended:

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

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### **Reports/Announcements**

12. County Manager Report

No report.

13. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Nelson reported that he will be asking for a public hearing to be set at the next meeting for ordinance changes to Chapter 66.

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: encouraged everyone to complete their Census and encourage others as well.

Commissioner Sharp: none

Chairman Webster: advised that the Census Complete Count Committee has requested all commissioners attend their meeting on August 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM and that the Census Bureau has changed the deadline to September 30th from October 31st.

### **Executive Session**

15. 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 Real Estate purposes.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

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

Meeting closed at approximately 9:36 a.m.

16. 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 Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

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

(Commissioner Sharp was not present)

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Meeting reopened at approximately 10:11 a.m.

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

No action was taken.

**Closing**

18. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

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

(Commissioner Sharp was not present.)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman