

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 ♦ 11:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at approximately 11:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia.

### *PRESENT*

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

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Adam Nelson  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth  
Planning and Development Director Lisa Jackson

### **Opening**

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 11:07 a.m.

(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

Chairman Webster also congratulated Chairman-Elect Sharp on his victory yesterday.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)

Commissioner McElhenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Regular Business Meeting**

- 3. Request by LA Development LLC for an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision at 163 Overlook Drive. Presently zoned AG [Map 089D, Parcel 010, District 2] (staff-P&D)

Chairman Webster explained this item was tabled from the April 19, 2022 meeting at the request of the applicant.

County Attorney Nelson reviewed the item to date. Mr. White requested to revise the major subdivision plat for Overlook at Pea Ridge. The Board of Commissioners approved the plat on June 5, 2021. LA Development LLC has requested to have the subdivision plat amended in order to subdivide parcel 089D010 into two separate parcels. The subdivided parcel would not front or be accessed by the interior road which is required of a major subdivision. Planning and Development Director Jackson denied the request under Code Section 28-40-b-3 and the Planning and Zoning Commission upheld the Director's decision at their April 7, 2022 meeting. The question today for the Board of Commissioners is whether or not to uphold the staff's decision.

Mr. Lowell White spoke in support of the appeal and thanked the board for the opportunity and the called meeting. He explained that this matter is time sensitive and is the first sale in the neighborhood. He further explained how they were requesting to subdivide the parcel. The 10.4-acre AG lot had a minimum 5-acre lot requirement. He stated that Ms. Jackson told him that the 5.2-acre lot they requested to remove from the subdivision would have been okay to be removed if it was left out of the original approved plat. Mr. White stated that the county code did not have a mechanism that allowed them to remove the parcel from the subdivision. They were under contract and wanted to create a standalone parcel outside of the subdivision. Potential buyers would like to place a barndominium on the 5.2-acre lot. The parcel would have 400 plus feet on MLK Jr. Drive and would conform to the AG zoning.

**Motion to deny the request by LA Development LLC for an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision at 163 Overlook Drive [Map 089D, Parcel 010].  
Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.  
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

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**Closing**

4. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman

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