

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Town Hall Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026 ♦ 6:00 PM
Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a public Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss development processes in Putnam County. Residents were able to hear updates from commissioners and staff and ask questions regarding this important issue.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Tom McElhenney
Commissioner Richard Garrett
Commissioner Steve Hersey
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

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

Opening

1. Welcome

Chairman Sharp called the Town Hall meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. Chairman Sharp explained the rules and announced that the meeting will conclude by 7:30 p.m., then turned the meeting over to County Attorney Adam Nelson to begin the discussion.

2. Discussion regarding development in Putnam County

County Attorney Nelson explained the work that has been done so far to create draft amendments to development ordinances and the goal to get those proposed amendments on the table for adoption.

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The commissioners and staff discussed several draft ordinances, including: Sec. 28-61, 28-66 – Preliminary Plat Expiration, Bonding; Sec. 53 – Technology Uses; Sec 66-111 – 66-113 – C-C Commercial Crossroads District; Sec. 66-114 – PUD; Sec. 66-132 (x) – Build to Rent Developments; and Sec. 66-165 – Rezoning Factors-Use Zoning.

The following people commented/asked questions:

- Mr. George Kelecheck
- Mr. Charles Gray
- Mr. Bill Vargo
- Ms. Jennifer Ray
- Ms. Sherri Johnson
- Ms. Barbara Bowden
- Mr. Steve Miller
- Mr. Ryan Deidrichsen
- Mr. Charles Ray
- Ms. Kim Gentle
- Mr. Ben Prew
- Ms. Karen Henry-Garrett
- Mr. Casey Marvitt
- Mr. Josh Sprayberry

Chairman Sharp thanked everyone for attending.

No action was taken.

Closing

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Town Hall meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Town Hall meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mercy Fluker
Deputy County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

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