

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Special Called Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 ♦ 10:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at approximately 10:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Alan Foster
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)

Commissioner McElhenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reading of the Rules

County Manager Van Haute read rules of the meeting.

Regular Business Meeting

4. Discussion on Short Term Vacation Rental Ordinance (Appendix D)

Sheriff Howard Sills commented that there have been gangs that attempted to rent houses in Putnam County. He provided some suggestions for a revised ordinance: require the homeowner to provide the guest with a copy of the rental contract which they must be able to present to Sheriff's deputies; the rental contract must specify the maximum number of people on the premises for the term of the contract (violation if they don't have it); if more people are present

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than the maximum (violation) and people can be ordered to leave down to the maximum number; if people refuse to leave they could be charged with disorderly conduct or an act of criminal trespass; make a provision where renters cannot charge admission of any kind.

The following individuals spoke in support of short term rentals:

Steve Kollross (submitted handout), Randy Rich, George Kelecheck (submitted handout), Patrick Stewart, Mark Willett, Morgan Willett, Kim Rudolph, Jim Walsh, Sarah Maslayak, Keith Palmer, Debbie Miller, Nick Montgomery.

The following individuals spoke against short term rentals:

Rick Brantley, Chip Reid, Jim Prance, Carol Langendorfer, Jim Tygart, Steve Reeder, David McGanity, Hill Thompson, Dee Swymer, Loraine Piro, Mike Sleeth (submitted handout), Sylbie Yon (submitted handout), Terry Kinnamon, Jim Berardicurti, John Bond, Mary Frost, Harley Wood, William Jones.

Chairman Sharp thanked everyone for attending and invited all to Holy Week services at the First Baptist Church.

Closing

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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