

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Called Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 6, 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 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 9:00 a.m.  
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2. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Called Meeting**

3. Approval of Employee Insurance Benefits (BW)

County Manager Van Haute reported that he met with department heads and elected officials and everyone was pleased with the insurance options and grateful for the benefits.

**Motion approve Employee Insurance Scenario 1 with Anthem Alternate 2, including Anthem Dental, Anthem Vision, and One America Life & Disability.**

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

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

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## **Closing**

### **4. Adjournment**

County Manager Van Haute reported that he heard from Renfro Construction & Architect Ray Fordham concerning the possible relocation of the Board of Elections & Registration to the Administration Building. He would be able to keep the same contractors and subcontractors from the original construction and they are working on final numbers. He did get an approximate cost of \$50,000 for the vault needed by BER and advised that SPLOST #9 can cover some of the costs.

County Attorney Fleming reported that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has extended the Judicial Emergency until mid-June with some courts still functioning remotely. He also advised that the Governor expects the number of positive cases of COVID-19 to go up mainly because testing is more available, and the main goal was not to stop the spread of the virus but to help hospitals not be overrun. He further advised that Legislative committee meetings are starting back virtually, and the State is expecting a 14% shortfall in their budget.

Commissioner Sharp reported that the right turn lane from Old Phoenix Road to Highway 44 has now approved by GDOT.

Commissioner Brown reminded everyone about the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Anchors Marina on May 15, 2020.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman