

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Friday, November 4, 2022 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, November 4, 2022 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

### *PRESENT*

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

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Barry Fleming  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

### *STAFF ABSENT*

County Manager Paul Van Haute

## Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

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

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

3. Invocation

Pastor Pete Mattix, Lake Country Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)

Commissioner McElhenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Regular Business Meeting**

5. Public Comments

Dr. Steve Hersey commented on Senior Tax Relief with a handout and advised that he will be making the same presentation he gave here at our last meeting to the Board of Education on Monday. He invited the commissioners to attend and added that he will be offering variations to his original proposal.

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6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Ratification of Fire Truck Purchase (staff-Fire)
- c. Approval of 2023 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

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

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7. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Application from the City of Eatonton Gas Department (staff-CM & PW)

**Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Permit Application from the City of Eatonton Gas Department.**

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

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

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8. Approval of FY2022 Budget Amendment #2 (staff-Finance)

Finance Director Linda Cook reviewed and explained the proposed budget amendment.

**Motion to approve FY2022 Budget Amendment #2.**

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

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

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9. Awarding of Solicitation 22-42001-002 Landfill Supplemental Maintenance Grading (staff-CM)

County Clerk Butterworth reviewed the bids that were received. Public Works Foreman Anthony Frazier explained the issues at the landfill and answered questions.

**Motion to award Solicitation 22-42001-002 Landfill Supplemental Maintenance Grading to Peed Brothers at \$1,278,530.17.**

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

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

**Reports/Announcements**

10. County Manager Report

County Clerk Butterworth and Chairman Webster reported on a meeting held with Putnam County and City of Eatonton officials and the GMC Corp of Cadets. The Cadets are planning a Putnam County Community Project. Students from PCHS JROTC will also be joining in to serve our community. The meeting was to begin brainstorming some ideas for this project that the cadets will be planning and organizing in order to learn more about and serve our local community. The workday is tentatively scheduled for April 15, 2023 and will bring over 200 cadets from both schools to the county.

11. County Attorney Report

No report.

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: advised that he received a call this week about a possible solar farm in southern Putnam County.

Chairman Webster: provided some highlights from the Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Breakfast, including a very informative report from Corbit Reynolds and Jamie Boswell of GDOT regarding the construction on Highways 441 and 44. Highway 441 is ahead of schedule with a completion estimate of the third quarter of 2023 and Highway 44 is behind schedule with a completion estimate of 2030.

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**Closing**

13. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:48 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman

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