

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, October 3, 2025 ♦ 10:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, October 3, 2025 at approximately 10:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Richard Garrett
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

ABSENT

Commissioner Tom McElhenney
Commissioner Steve Hersey

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation

Pastor Jonathon Dawson, Lakepoint Community Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (JW)

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

No one signed in to speak.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - September 26, 2025 Called Meeting (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

7. Report from Putnam Development Authority

Matt Poyner presented the quarterly report for the Putnam Development Authority.

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8. Declaration of Road Abandonment of Joe Wooten Road and Authorization for Chairman to sign documents (staff-CC)

Motion to declare Joe Wooten Road abandoned and authorize the Chairman to sign documents.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

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9. Declaration of Road Abandonment of Wooten Road and Authorization for Chairman to sign documents (staff-CC)

Motion to declare Wooten Road abandoned and authorize the Chairman to sign documents.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

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10. Discussion and possible action regarding a City of Eatonton gas line installation in the back of the Public Works property (staff-CM)

County Manager Paul Van Haute discussed the advantages to running the proposed gas line and explained the route shown on the map.

Motion to allow the City of Eatonton to run a gas line behind Public Works as shown in map.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

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Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Paul Van Haute reported that at the request of Commissioner McElhenney, we will be offering a training class from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government regarding development and applicable zoning items on Tuesday, November 12th, for the Commissioners and Planning & Development staff.

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Garrett: reminded everyone that the last day to register to vote for the upcoming county and city elections is Monday, October 6th; upcoming community events include Shakespeare on the Lawn at the Plaza today through Sunday beginning at 5:00 p.m.; October 25th is the Butler Baker Alumni Project Community Day, admission is free and this is part of the support effort to revive the old school and see the progress being made.

Commissioner Wooten: received a call recently regarding striping on the roads and asked Paul to explain how it works; County Manager Paul Van Haute explained that Atlas will do a punch list for the final striping and that there was an issue with Peak returning for striping.

Chairman Sharp: encouraged attendance at the events held at the Plaza.

Closing

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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