

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Joint Called Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2025 ♦ 5:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met with the City of Eatonton Council on Monday, March 17, 2025 at approximately 5:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

STAFF ABSENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson

CITY OF EATONTON PRESENT

Mayor John Reid
Councilmember At Large Chip Walker
Councilmember Marie Rainey
Councilmember Michael Smith
Councilmember Mylle Mangum
Councilmember James A. Gorley
Councilmember Janie B. Reid
Councilmember Teresa Doster

CITY OF EATONTON STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Gary Sanders
City Attorney Chris Huskins
City Clerk Maria Jimenez

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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2. Discussion and possible action concerning SPLOST #10 (staff-CM)

- a. Number of Years
- b. Distribution of Proceeds
- c. Projects

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Chairman Sharp introduced the agenda and invited County Manager Van Haute to give his presentation about the county's potential SPLOST #10 projects.

(Copy of presentation made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

Commissioner Hersey suggested reducing the timeframe to no more than 5 years.

Chairman Sharp invited Mayor Reid to make comments regarding the city's projects. Mayor Reid explained they are keeping the same package from last year and invited City Administrator Gary Sanders to give more information regarding the projects. Mr. Sanders explained their wish list projects and commented that they are under review and there will be potential changes due to the predicted increased funds.

Motion to limit SPLOST # 10 collection to five (5) years.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Hersey

Voting Nay: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Chairman Sharp

Public Comments were received at this time:

Mr. Billy Webster questioned the ability to take action in a called meeting.

Ms. Jennifer Ray commented that the term of the SPLOST should be discussed in a regular meeting.

Motion to approve a six (6) year term for SPLOST #10.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Chairman Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

Motion to approve the SPLOST #10 distribution at 69% Putnam County and 31% City of Eatonton, after the tier 1 project is taken off the top and pending an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey

Eatonton City Council approved the following motions:

Motion to approve a six (6) year term for SPLOST #10.

Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the SPLOST #10 distribution at 69% Putnam County and 31% City of Eatonton, after the tier 1 project is taken off the top and pending an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Unanimously approved.

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Commissioner Garrett requested information on the next steps, which will consist of both parties signing an Intergovernmental Agreement. The projects will be discussed as an agenda item at upcoming meetings.

Closing

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

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