

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 ♦ 4:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, July 31 2024 at approximately 4:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Steve Hersey
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (JW)

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Called Meeting

3. Discussion and possible action on Resolution calling for an Election to Impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

County Attorney Nelson advised that at the last regular meeting the board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Putnam County and the City of Eatonton; this was in preparation for the November ballot. It was later realized that a resolution had not been approved, so this called meeting is to make the record clear. It is close to the advertising deadline, which is why a called meeting was necessary. A notice will be in the paper tomorrow if the resolution is approved; if the resolution is not approved, BER will have to recant the call.

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Board of Elections Supervisor Kim Rudolph commented that she appreciated the Board of Commissioners considering the resolution today in order to meet the deadline of publishing 90 days in advance of the November ballot. It will save the county money to do it in November 2024 versus March 2025.

Mr. Billy Webster commented that he had picked up tomorrow's Messenger already and didn't see the ad. He also commented on the lack of action between the initial meeting on March 12, 2024 and the next meeting with any SPLOST items which was July 23, 2024 and that city projects were not all capital outlay projects, as required.

Motion to approve the Resolution calling for an Election to Impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Commissioner Hersey stated that he believes this is an unlawful meeting and he will not participate in any action taken at this meeting. He further commented that the resolution has no term and no specifics on how the city portion will be provided to them. He asked the board to think about doing it correctly and there is no rush to meet deadlines; it can be done on the March ballot.

Commissioner Brown commented that it is best to vote in November when more voters will be at the polls.

Commissioner Hersey left the room before the vote at approximately 4:27 p.m.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Commissioner Hersey returned after the vote at approximately 4:28 p.m.

Closing

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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