

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at approximately 6:30 PM 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 Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.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 Wooten.

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

3. Invocation - Pastor Pete Mattix, Lake Country Baptist Church

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

Mr. Chad Hudgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - Golden Harvest Food Bank

Ms. Julie Ferguson, Director of Development of the Golden Harvest Food Bank, distributed handouts and explained their program, discussed the increased needs due to COVID, and requested funding from ARP funds.

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Zoning Public Hearing

Chairman Webster called the Zoning Public Hearing to order at approximately 6:42 p.m. and explained that items by Jamie Key will be taken together (Item #s 6,7,8,9,10,11,15,16) and items by Christie Key will be taken together (Item #s 12,13,14).

Attorney Fleming explained the rules regarding the request to withdraw without prejudice - that will be dealt with first, if approved the public hearing will end, if denied the rezoning requests will be considered.

Jamie Key requests (Item #s 6,7,8,9,10,11,15,16)

- 6. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 1.264 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 045, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 7. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 1.04 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 045001, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 8. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 0.689 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 045002, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 9. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 0.72 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 046, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 10. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 0.976 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 046001, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 11. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 1.23 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 046002, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 15. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 0.698 acres on Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 049, District 3] (staff-P&D)
- 16. Request by James Key (Jamie) to rezone 0.881 acres on Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 049001, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Jamie Key spoke in support of the request to withdraw without prejudice. Ms. Christie Key and Ms. Jana Jones also spoke in support.

The following individuals spoke against the request to withdraw and against the request to rezone: Wanda Sebald, Bettina Hutchings, Donna Schreiber, Clydie Gilliam, Peggy McWhorter, Jim Schreiber, Chad Hudgins, Andrea Dorsy, David Horton, Jami Smith, Jim Fletcher, Dianna Odum, Merle Sebald.

Mr. Key did not use any of his remaining time for rebuttal.

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Christie Key requests (Item #s 12,13,14)

12. Request by Christie Key to rezone 0.708 acres on Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 047, District 3] (staff-P&D)
13. Request by Christie Key to rezone 0.796 acres on Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 047001, District 3] (staff-P&D)
14. Request by Christie Key to rezone 0.694 acres on Crooked Creek Drive from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcel 047002, District 3] (staff-P&D)

No one spoke in support of these requests.

The following individuals spoke against the request to withdraw and the request to rezone:
Wanda Sebal, Peggy McWhorter, and Andrea Dorsy.

Planning & Development staff recommendation is to deny rezoning of all eleven items as requested by Jamie and Christie Key, however the applicants have requested to withdraw without prejudice.

Motion to deny the request by James Key (Jamie) to withdraw without prejudice the requests to rezone parcels on Crooked Creek Drive and Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcels 045, 045001, 045002, 046, 046001, 046002, 049, 049001].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

Motion to deny the requests by James Key (Jamie) to rezone parcels on Crooked Creek Drive and Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcels 045, 045001, 045002, 046, 046001, 046002, 049, 049001].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

Motion to deny the request by Christie Key to withdraw without prejudice the requests to rezone parcels on Crooked Creek Drive and Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcels 047, 047001, 047002].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Motion to deny the requests by Christie Key to rezone parcels on Crooked Creek Drive and Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to C-1 [Map 110D, Parcels 047, 047001, 047002].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

The Zoning Public Hearing ended at approximately 7:47 p.m.

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Meeting recessed at approximately 7:47 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

17. Public Comments

Mr. George Kelecheck submitted handouts and commented on possible solutions to zoning problems in the form of a conservation community concept.

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Col. Andrew Milani commented on hydrilla in the lakes.

Mr. Charles Trumbo commented about Napier Road safety concerns.

Mr. Richard Garrett thanked the county for working on Jimmy Davis Park and forming a committee for the work but expressed concern about access to the committee meetings and a lack of public records being kept.

Ms. Ann Laidlaw expressed appreciation for the county addressing maintenance at Jimmy Davis Park but expressed concern about the inability to find out anything about advisory group meetings.

18. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - September 3, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

19. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Application from Tri-County EMC (staff-CM)

Mr. Justin Strickland explained the request and answered questions.

Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Permit Application from Tri-County EMC.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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Reports/Announcements

20. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Tri CoGo will present at the next BOC meeting
- Received bids for striping; awarding of the solicitation will be added to the next BOC agenda
- Contracts are back for the Dennis Station Road project, and it will start soon
- Thursday, September 23, 2021 will be an employee appreciation luncheon with grilled hot dogs; commissioners are invited to attend

21. County Attorney Report

No report.

22. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: expressed appreciation for what Planning & Zoning has dealt with

Closing

23. 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 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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