

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp

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 6:30 p.m.
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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

3. Invocation

Rev. David Wofford, Senior Pastor at Eatonton First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

Recreation Director Scott Haley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Code of Ordinances Public Hearing

Chairman Webster opened the Public Hearing at approximately 6:32 p.m.

5. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) (staff-CA)

Erin Olson expressed her appreciation for adding the definition of patron but suggested an addition of "not a customer" to the definition of patron. Pete Wardlaw expressed concern for the change to a 50-foot setback.

Attorney Fleming explained that setback amounts are left up to each county to set as desired. He further explained that by including our definitions of patron and customer that these will overrule any other definitions and by including both that automatically means there is a difference between the two.

There were no further comments and Chairman Webster closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Motion to adopt the proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) as reviewed at the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

Erin Olson, Renee Burgdorf, and Paul Burgdorf commented on noise from the backup alarm on the boat lifts at Anchors Marina. Mrs. Burgdorf presented a petition from nearby residents.

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7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - September 4, 2020 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - September 4, 2020 Executive Session (staff-CC)

c. Approval of 2020 Alcohol License - Cuscowilla on Lake Oconee-The Turn (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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8. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution for a Pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute and Dean Nelson from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission explained that this is for a 50/50 match grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a splash pad, fencing, pavilion, and restrooms at the Recreation Department.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution for a Pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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Reports/Announcements

9. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- The Crooked Creek Road bridge was damaged beyond use due to an overweight vehicle crossing it. Thanks to shares on social media, two citizens provided witness statements to the police and the driver has been found and acknowledged the incident. This has been turned over to our insurance company.
- September 18th is the Air Force's birthday. Congratulations to them and all who have served in the Air Force, including Chairman Webster.

10. County Attorney Report

No report.

11. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: reported on the Sinclair Water Authority meeting: they are working on the budget, there will be additional chemical costs due to requirements by the State which will require slight percentage increases for Baldwin and Putnam.

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: announced that Great Waters will host the LPGA tournament October 22-25, 2020.

Chairman Webster: announced that our Census response rate is still terrible and asked for everyone to respond and to respond for all homes if more than one home is owned. He also advised that yard signs are available and encouraged everyone to help spread the word.

Closing

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman