

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 18, 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 Adam Nelson
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

Chairman Webster advised that item #10 "Authorization for Chairman to sign TSPLOST #2 IGA" needs to be removed because the city did not discuss it at their meeting.

Motion to approve the Agenda with removal of item #10.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

3. Invocation

County Attorney Nelson gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)

Commissioner McElhenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Mr. Roy Embry commented about retired county employees and their insurance and the Uncle Remus Golf Course. Mr. Richard Garrett commented on a public comment at the last meeting regarding bullying. Environmental Health Services Manager Kathryn Hill commented on new guidance for nonprofit events.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - May 6, 2021 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - May 7, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

7. Appeal of Planning & Zoning Commission decision by Charles B. and Cathy M. Walsh (staff-CA & P&D)

Planning & Development Director Jackson introduced this item and explained the history of the request. The Walsh's are owners of lots within Little Riverview Subdivision and requested to return to the division of certain property that was combined by a plat filed by them in 2006. Doing so would create non-conforming parcels and Director Jackson denied the request on April 16, 2021. The Planning & Zoning Commission upheld her decision at their May 6, 2021 meeting.

Attorney Ian McMullen spoke on behalf of his clients (Charles & Cathy Walsh) and distributed handouts. He explained that he is asking the board to allow Mr. Walsh to sell the properties in the same way he acquired them and that he doesn't believe the recorded plat should matter because there were no changes ever made to the deeds.

Attorney Nelson reviewed the timeline of plats on these properties and explained that the filing of a plat establishes the boundaries of the parcel. He advised that Georgia law says filed plats must follow county laws. He explained that had the Walsh's not filed this plat in 2006 they could do what they want, but there is no way to unfile the plat.

Motion to deny the appeal made by Charles B. and Cathy M. Walsh regarding the Planning & Zoning Commission decision for 168 Riverview Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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8. Approval of FY21 Budget Amendment #1 (staff-Finance)

Motion to approve FY21 Budget Amendment #1.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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9. Authorization for Chairman to sign Lease Agreement for the Scott Road Recycle Center (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute explained that property was acquired for the new Recycle Center but the current site is still needed until the new site is ready. This lease is for 90 days with the new owner of the current site at \$300 per month.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Lease Agreement for the Scott Road Recycle Center.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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10. Authorization for Chairman to sign TSPLOST #2 IGA (staff-CM)

This item was removed from the agenda.

Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute advised that the GDOT recommended roads approved in April for the LMIG Safety Action Plan were already completed. He submitted a new list provided by GDOT of possible roads to choose from. He requested to add this to the next agenda.

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12. County Attorney Report

No report but advised that an Executive Session is needed.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: commented that he attended a great meeting last Saturday night with people from the Crooked Creek area.

Chairman Webster: none

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Executive Session

14. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Motion to enter Executive Session for Litigation purposes.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

Meeting closed at approximately 7:26 p.m.

15. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and authorize the Chairman to sign the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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Meeting reopened at approximately 8:13 p.m.

16. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

No action was taken.

Closing

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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