

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, January 11, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on January 11, 2019 at approximately 9:00 AM 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
Commissioner Trevor Addison

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Barry Fleming
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Assistant County Manager Lisa Jackson
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Invocation

Tax Commissioner Pam Lancaster gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Special Presentation

a. Proclamation to Pilot Club (staff-CM)

A Proclamation was presented to the Pilot Club of Eatonton in recognition of their 40th Anniversary.

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b. Departmental Presentation - Animal Services

Putnam County Animal Services Department presented information regarding their operation and the services they provide. They also brought a few of their furry friends that are available for adoption.

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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Mr. Dan Kelhoffer commented on Georgia Power's ash ponds and cobalt and other toxic materials.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - December 7, 2018 (staff-CC)

b. Approval of 2019 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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8. Request from Tax Commissioner to Write-off Bad Debts (Tax Comm)

Tax Commissioner Pam Lancaster explained the request and answered questions. She advised that all of the write offs are personal property.

Motion to approve the request from the Tax Commissioner to write-off bad debts in the amount of \$14,985.44.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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9. Request from Chief Magistrate to Repeal 2015 Local Legislation concerning the Magistrate Court (Magistrate)

Magistrate Judge Dorothy Adams explained her request is to repeal local legislation passed in 2015, which took effect January 1, 2019, regarding the number of magistrates in Putnam County.

No action was taken. County Attorney was directed to draft language for consideration at the next meeting.

10. Approval of Accelerated Interfor Tax Abatement Schedule (PDA)

Economic Development Director Terry Schwindler explained the request and answered questions.

Motion to approve the accelerated tax abatement schedule for Interfor as shown in the meeting package with a tax savings of \$382,703.47.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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11. Awarding of Solicitation 18-61221-001 Recreation Lighting Project (staff-Recreation)

Motion to award Solicitation 18-61221-001 (Recreation Lighting Project) to West Georgia Lighting in the amount of \$128,800.00 to be funded through SPLOST #8.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

12. Approval of Service Delivery Strategy

Middle Georgia Regional Commission Executive Director Laura Mathis explained that all previous requested changes have been made and the City of Eatonton has approved it and signed it. She also advised that our extension is until February 28, 2019.

Motion to approve the Service Delivery Strategy Resolution and documents and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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13. Authorization for Staff to schedule a Public Hearing for Proposed Changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 2 (Administration) (BW)

Motion to authorize the staff to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 2 (Administration).

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

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14. Chairman Appointments (BW)

a. BOC Vice Chairman

Chairman Webster appointed Commissioner Addison as the Vice Chairman.

b. Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council

Chairman Webster announced that he and Mayor Rocker will serve on the Council along with City Administrator Gary Sanders as one of the Associate Members. There is one Voting Member and one more Associate Member to be decided.

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c. Hospital Authority Liaison

Chairman Webster appointed Commissioner Brown as the Hospital Authority Liaison.

15. Appointment of County Clerk (BW)

Motion to appoint Lynn Butterworth as County Clerk.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

16. Appointment of General Counsel (BW)

Motion to appoint Fleming & Nelson LLP as General Counsel.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

17. Appointment of Auditor (BW)

Motion to appoint McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks and Company as Auditor.

Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

18. Appointment to the Sinclair Water Authority (BW)

Chairman Webster announced that has declined to serve on the Sinclair Water Authority. Local Legislation for the Sinclair Water Authority states that "one board member shall be the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of each member county, unless such official notifies the governing authority of that county that such official does not wish to serve on the board, in which event that governing authority shall appoint one of its members to serve on the board in place of that chairman.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Addison to serve on the Sinclair Water Authority.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Addison

19. Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission (staff-CC)

Nomination for James Marshall as Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Nomination made by Chairman Webster, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting for James Marshall: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Nomination for Fred Ward to serve as the District One representative on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Nomination made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting for Fred Ward: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Nomination for Martha Farley to serve as the District Two representative on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Nomination made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.

Voting for Martha Farley: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Nomination for Tim Pierson to serve as the District Three representative on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Nomination made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting for Tim Pierson: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Nomination for Joel Hardie to serve as the District Four representative on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Nomination made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting for Joel Hardie: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

20. Appointment to the Putnam Development Authority (staff-CC)
**Nomination for Walter C. Rocker, III to serve on the Putnam Development Authority.
Nomination made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

**Nomination for Mike House to serve on the Putnam Development Authority.
Nomination made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

Voting for Walt Rocker III: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison

Reports/Announcements

21. County Manager Report
No report.

22. County Attorney Report
No report.

23. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: requested that everyone remember Peace Officers Memorial Day later this year in May.

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Addison: reminded everyone that this past Wednesday was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked all LEOs for their hard work and dedication.

Chairman Webster: commented that he was pleased and proud to be here and it was a privilege to serve on this board.

Closing

24. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman