

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 ♦ 6:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Planning and Development Director Lisa Jackson
Assistant Planning and Development Director Courtney Andrews

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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Chairman Sharp welcomed the new District One Commissioner, Tom McElhenney. He also expressed condolences from the board and staff to the family and friends of former Commissioner Fred Ward and called for a moment of silence in remembrance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

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

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3. Invocation

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance (SH)

Commissioner Hersey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

Ms. Jennifer Ray commented on solar power and solar farms.

Mr. Bill Vargo and Ms. Barbara Vargo signed in to speak but were not present.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2024 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2024 Executive Session (staff-CC)

c. Approval of Minutes - November 7, 2024 Called Meeting (staff-CC)

d. Approval of 2024 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

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7. Request for final plat subdivision approval - The Lake Village at Cuscowilla (staff-P&D)

Mr. Rick McAllister, agent for Cuscowilla, spoke in support of the request.

Mr. Bill Vargo and Ms. Barbara Vargo signed in to speak but were not present.

Planning and Development staff recommendation was for approval as presented.

Motion to approve the request for final plat subdivision approval for The Lake Village at Cuscowilla as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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8. Approval of Budget Amendment #4 (staff-Finance)

County Manager Van Haute explained the proposed budget amendment.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment #4.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

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Reports/Announcements

9. County Manager Report

No report.

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10. County Attorney Report

No report but expressed condolences to the Ward family.

11. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: commented that he was glad to be continuing his father’s term and expressed thankfulness for the opportunity of being a commissioner.

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Hersey: welcomed Commissioner McElhenney, expressed condolences to the Ward family and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Wooten: congratulated Commissioner McElhenney and expressed condolences to the Ward family.

Chairman Sharp: wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

Closing

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

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