

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Special Called Meeting

Minutes

Friday, August 29, 2025 ♦ 10:30 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, August 29, 2025 at approximately 10:30 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Tom McElhenney
Commissioner Richard Garrett
Commissioner Steve Hersey
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:31 a.m.

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Executive Session

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

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Litigation.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett

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

Meeting closed at approximately 10:32 a.m.

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3. Reopen meeting following Executive Session

Motion to reopen the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney

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

Meeting reopened at approximately 10:57 a.m.

4. Authorize Chairman to sign Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

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

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett

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

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

No action taken.

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6. Discussion and possible action on Final Plat for Thunder Pointe Commercial Subdivision (tabled at 08-01-2025 meeting)

Mr. Brandon Burgess advised that he was here for questions and commented that he hopes this gets approved today.

Mr. Jerry Donovan advised that the neighborhood and the developer had reached an agreement and he was here to answer questions.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Final Plat for Thunder Pointe Commercial Subdivision.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

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

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7. Authorization for Chairman to sign Thunder Valley Commercial Development August 2025 Settlement Agreement (staff-CA/CM)

Mr. Brandon Burgess signed in to speak but waived comments.

Mr. Jerry Donovan signed in to speak but waived comments.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Thunder Valley Commercial Development August 2025 Settlement Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten

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Motion amended by adding "with declining requests in item #11 & #13".
Amendment made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett
Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey,
Commissioner Wooten

Vote on motion as amended:

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

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8. Authorization for Chairman to sign revised Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and
Distribution of Proceeds from SPLOST (SPLOST #10) (staff-CM)

Ms. Barb Vargo commented on the debt service for a fire truck not being in SPLOST 10, a
Public Works paver, the County Extension office, pickleball courts, the Administration Building
and the jail.

Mr. Bill Vargo signed in to speak but declined.

**Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the revised Intergovernmental Agreement for
the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from SPLOST (SPLOST #10).**

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

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

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Closing

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:22 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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