

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Budget Work Session

Minutes

Friday, August 9, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, August 9, 2019 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Paul Van Haute
Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the work session to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. He announced an addition to the agenda for an update on road projects.

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Budget Work Session

2. Budget Discussions

Various budget requests were discussed. Comments were made by Bob Betzel, Tom Thompson, Glenda Ridley, Judy Fain, and Tony Franklin for Putnam General Hospital, Irene Mitchell and Glenda Ridley for the Health Department, Ed Waggoner and Terry Schwindler for the Putnam Development Authority, and Gary McElhenney for the Coroner's office. Finance Director Cook advised that she needs all changes requested by the BOC by Wednesday morning, August 14, 2019. No action was taken.

2.5 Update road projects

Chairman Webster talked to Larry Kaiser yesterday and reported the following:

- The concept for a proposed right turn lane from Old Phoenix Road to Highway 44 has been essentially approved by GDOT. We anticipate final approval from GDOT within 30 days. The county will handle the bid process for the project.
- The GDOT office in Tennille advised that with a few tweaks, they would be willing to recommend approval of the proposed traffic light at Scott Road and Highway 44, without the extension of Scott Road. The Atlanta office will, however, make the final decision. Once Highway 44 is four-laned, the extension will probably be required.

No action was taken.

County Manager Van Haute reported on two additional issues:

- The bridge repair on Glenwood Springs Road has run into an issue with remnants of the old dam still being there and causing a backup when it rains a lot. The contractor advised this would require an additional \$38,000 to repair. The additional work will more than likely be bid out.
- He toured the old EPWSA water plant with the Fire Chief and it needs a lot of work. He believes we will incur a lot of expense to convert it to a fire training facility.

No action was taken.

Closing

3. Adjournment

Chairman Webster adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman