

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Work Session

Minutes

Friday, April 12, 2019 ♦ 1:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Work Session on Friday, April 12, 2019 at approximately 1:00 PM at the Poole Recreation Center, 140 Recreation Road, 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
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Recreation Director Scott Haley
Assistant Recreation Director Chris Clack
Assistant Recreation Director Deborah Rogers

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the Work Session to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. and thanked Director Haley for hosting the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance (TA)

Commissioner Addison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Swimming Pool/Splash Pad - New Construction or Refurbish Old (BW)

Chairman Webster turned it over to Director Haley to discuss possible locations for a new swimming pool. Director Haley advised that locating the swimming pool at the Poole Recreation Center would be the best option for several reasons: easier to maintain, create more traffic for it, visible from the bypass, will attract more people. The biggest hurdle to overcome is parking. He recommended the field next to the tennis courts as the best location within the park.

He gave an estimated cost of a new 40x80 pool at \$300,000-\$350,000 with costs over \$500,000 when including fencing, bath houses, etc. Commissioner Irvin suggested filling in the existing pool and converting that area to tennis courts which will provide additional parking at the Poole Rec Center. Commissioner Addison suggested keeping the current tennis courts and creating additional parking nearby. Commissioner Sharp suggested that a new pool should be competition size at 82x164 which could also bring in some income. He also suggested the addition of a splash pad for smaller children. Director Haley advised that splash pad costs were \$150,000-\$200,000. County Manager Van Haute recommended a visit to the splash pad near Ellis Square in Savannah for those attending the upcoming ACCG conference.

The board also discussed refurbishing the current swimming pool. Director Haley provided estimates of \$200,000-\$250,000 to refurbish the old pool which would raise the depth, replace the concrete and repair plumbing issues with an additional \$70,000-\$80,000 for a new bath house because the current ones would need to be replaced.

Commissioner Webster outlined the next steps:

- Acquire more specific cost figures
 - cost of competition size pool at a generic location and splash pad with kiddie pool built in or separate
 - seek cost information from other counties that have similar pools
- Research information regarding available grant money

Director Haley will work on the above and get back with the board in 3-4 weeks.

Director Haley also advised that he is working on finding lifeguards that can work for a longer season; most of his hires are high school and college students that have to go back to school. The current schedule has the pool opening Memorial Day weekend and closing Labor Day weekend.

No official action was taken.

4. Excess County Property - Recommendations for Sale (BW)

The county owns 10 parcels that have no apparent use. Chairman Webster advised that Sheriff Sills will be holding an auction soon and offered to include the property if so desired. He turned it over to Commissioner Brown who did research on all the properties. Commissioner Brown offered the following information, along with some information from qPublic:

1. Parcel 050B025 located at 233 Glenwood Springs Road – acquired in 2016 at a tax sale for \$1850; assessed value is \$21,368; approximately .25 acres with small house
2. Parcel E006108 located on Jackson Street – acquired in 2016 at a tax sale for \$3994; assessed value is \$20,979; approximately .11 acres with old dilapidated house
3. Parcel 058A192 located at the corner of W Daylight Drive and Little River Trail – acquired in 2016 at a tax sale for \$1379; assessed value is \$7900; approximately .53 acres; lots in the area sell for around \$5000 per ½ acre
4. Parcel 084A141 located on Bluegill Road – acquired in 2016 at a tax sale for \$1318; assessed value is \$8000; approximately .69 acres; estimated value \$5000-\$6000

5. Parcel 053B088 located on Little River Trail – acquired in 1993 at a tax sale for \$1000; assessed value is \$7900; approximately .51 acres; estimated value is no more than \$5000 per acre
6. Parcel 057B203 located on E Bear Creek Road – acquired in 1993 via warranty deed for \$1000; assessed value is \$12,006; approximately 1.15 acres; one acre lots in the area sell for \$8000-\$12,000
7. Parcel 056B241 located on Julep Drive – acquired in 1993 for \$1000; assessed value is \$8500; approximately .50 acres; lots nearby sell for \$14,000
8. Parcel 089B033 located near Ace Drive and King Fish Road – acquired in 1983 for \$1000; assessed value is \$25,000; approximately 6.07 acres; some trash on property; located in a flood zone; estimated value no more than \$10,000
9. Parcel 119A099 located on West Riverbend Drive – gifted to the county in 2009; assessed value is \$61,094; approximately .64 acres; Georgia Power owns the water front; off-water lots in the area sell for \$10,000
10. Parcel 088002002 located on Pea Ridge Road – acquired in 2003; assessed value is \$2030; approximately 1.24 acres; surrounded by 125 acres owned by the school board; does have easement access

County Manager Van Haute advised that if the board no longer wants any of these properties that they would need to declare them surplus and then put out for bid.

Commissioner Webster outlined the next steps:

- Staff to reconfirm the properties have no immediate or near term use
- Commissioner Brown will assign a value to each property
- Board will review again in 60 days

No official action was taken.

Closing

5. Adjournment

Chairman Webster adjourned the work session at approximately 2:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman