

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020 ♦ 6:30 PM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM 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 Jeff Wooten

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Barry Fleming  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

### **Opening**

#### 1. Welcome- Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. He welcomed our newly elected District Four Commissioner, Mr. Jeff Wooten.  
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#### 2. Approval of Agenda

##### **Motion to approve the Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,  
Commissioner Wooten**

#### 3. Invocation

Planning & Development Director Lisa Jackson gave the invocation.

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance (KI)

Commissioner Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Special Presentation - SWA Update by Trevor Addison

Mr. Trevor Addison provided a Sinclair Water Authority financial update to the board, including a bond refinance recap, a budget overview, and a personnel report.

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**Zoning/Public Hearing**

6. Request by SolAmerica Energy, LLC, agent for David Erickson, for conditional use on Pea Ridge Road. Presently zoned C-2 [Map 090, Parcel 032, District 2]. (staff-P&D)

7. Request by SolAmerica Energy, LLC, agent for David Erickson, for conditional use on Pea Ridge Road. Presently zoned AG-1 [Map 090, Parcel 033001, District 2]. (staff-P&D)

8. Request by SolAmerica Energy, LLC, agent for David Erickson, for conditional use on Pea Ridge Road. Presently zoned AG-1 [Map 090, Parcel 027001, District 2]. (staff-P&D)

Chairman Webster announced that, without objection, items 6-8 will be handled together. No one objected.

Mr. Ryan Peters, Engineer with Sol America, spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Staff recommendation is for approval of a conditional use for a solar farm located on Pea Ridge Road [Map 090, Parcel 032], with the following conditions:

1. The development shall substantially comply with the submitted plans in support of the conditional use application.
2. The uses allowed under the conditional use shall be limited to those that conform with solar energy production and any other use or accessory use allowed within C-2.
3. Subject to Section 66-157 of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances, this conditional use permit shall be issued for a period of two years and will be reviewed for compliance.

**Motion to approve the requests by SolAmerica Energy, LLC, agent for David Erickson, for conditional use on Pea Ridge Road [Map 090, Parcel 032; Map 090, Parcel 033001; Map 090, Parcel 027001], with the following conditions:**

- 1. The development shall substantially comply with the submitted plans in support of the conditional use application.**
- 2. The uses allowed under the conditional use shall be limited to those that conform with solar energy production and any other use or accessory use allowed within C-2.**
- 3. Subject to Section 66-157 of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances, this conditional use permit shall be issued for a period of two years and will be reviewed for compliance.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

9. Request by Joshua Daniel, agent for Carolyn Walton, to rezone 13.89 acres from AG-1 to R-1 on Loch Way [Map 095A, Part of Parcel 011, District 2] (staff-P&D)  
Mr. Joshua Daniel spoke in support of this request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Staff recommendation was for approval to rezone 13.891 acres on Loch Way [Map 095A, Part of Parcel 011] from AG-1 to R-1 with the following condition: This rezoning shall be conditional upon the resurveying and recordation of the plat, as stated in Section 66-165 (e)(3) of Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

**Motion to approve the request by Joshua Daniel, agent for Carolyn Walton, to rezone 13.89 acres from AG-1 to R-1 on Loch Way [Map 095A, Part of Parcel 011] from AG-1 to R-1 with the following condition: This rezoning shall be conditional upon the resurveying and recordation of the plat, as stated in Section 66-165 (e)(3) of Putnam County Code of Ordinances.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

### **Regular Business Meeting**

#### 10. Public Comments

None

#### 11. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - November 6, 2020 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - November 6, 2020 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- c. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Section 5311 FY2022 Grant Application (staff-Transit)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

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#### 12. Approval of FY2020 LMIG Project List (staff-CM)

It was noted that this is the FY2021 LMIG Project list, not FY2020.

**Motion to approve the FY2021 LMIG Project list as presented.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

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13. Approval of Certification of Road Abandonment of a portion of Horton Drive (staff-CC)  
**Motion to approve the Certification of Road Abandonment for a portion of Horton Drive and authorize the Chairman to sign.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

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14. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution Designating Alternate Court Locations (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute explained that this request is from the Sheriff in order to have spaces large enough to accommodate jury pools with social distancing in place.

**Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution Designating Alternate Court Locations.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

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15. Authorization for Chairman to sign Use of Facilities Agreement for Plaza Arts Center (staff-CM)

**Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Use of Facilities Agreement for The Plaza Arts Center.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten**

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### **Reports/Announcements**

16. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- a) Congratulations to the board and Planning & Development for our new solar ordinances. Because of these Putnam County has been awarded a SolSmart Silver designation for our efforts to make it faster, easier, and more affordable to go solar!
- b) Advanced Disposal and Waste Management have merged.

17. County Attorney Report

No report.

18. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: requested an update on the BER relocation project. County Manager Van Haute advised that progress is being made. The front doors are in; the vault is being worked on; the electrical is in; and the HVAC is hanging.

Commissioner Brown: inquired about the property search for a recycling center. County Manager Van Haute advised that he is looking at various tracts; most are very expensive. Commissioner Brown commented that next year's ACCG conference will be a good opportunity to discuss waste disposal options with surrounding counties.

Commissioner Sharp: requested an update on Oconee Springs Park. County Manager Van Haute advised that progress is being made on the new tiny homes and event center. One tiny house is built and he is waiting on an update for the second one. He has also reached out to a developer for pouring concrete and purchasing the building.

Commissioner Wooten: commented that he appreciates the opportunity to serve on the board.

Chairman Webster: advised that he is working on a plan for a board retreat, probably sometime in February 2021.

**Closing**

19. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp,  
Commissioner Wooten**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman