

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Called Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2021 ♦ 2:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at approximately 2:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action concerning PGH's Financials (BW)

Chairman Webster explained that speakers would be allowed 5 minutes each to speak.

Speaking in support of funding for PGH from the BOC: Ms. Glenda Ridley, Mr. Tony Franklin, Ms. Judy Fain, Mr. Jeff Hodge, Mr. Tom Thompson, Ms. Anita Morris, Ms. Pam Douglas (handout distributed), and Mr. Alan Horton who requested the continuation of annual funding for indigent care and asked how can we work together to pay down the debt.

Chairman Webster advised that there were two issues to consider: 1. will the county participate in a loan to help pay off the debt of PGH? and 2. will the county continue the subsidy to PGH? He requested a specific formal proposal from PGH on how a loan would work, what they expect from the county, why does the hospital need the county to co-sign, and how does the hospital intend to repay the loan.

Motion to continue the subsidy to PGH at the rate of \$400,000 per year with the first quarter already being paid.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

Closing

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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