

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Friday, March 6, 2020 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, March 6, 2020 at approximately 9:00 AM 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

### *STAFF PRESENT*

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

## Opening

### 1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.  
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### 2. Invocation

Dr. Ford G'Segner was unable to attend the meeting. His invocation was read by County Clerk Butterworth.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Special Presentation

#### a. Courthouse Landscape Committee

Mr. Keith Fielder, Chairman of the Courthouse Landscape Committee, reported on courthouse landscape options: Cost Level One = basic maintenance and care; Cost Level Two = maintenance contract with commercial landscape company; Cost Level Three = replacement of existing turf. He also recommended additional shrubs, annuals and perennials, and trees.

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**Regular Business Meeting**

5. Public Comments

None

6. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

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

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

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - February 26, 2020 Called Meeting (staff-CC)

c. Approval of 2020 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

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

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8. Appointments to the Board of Assessors (staff-CC)

full term:

**Nomination for Shelby Storey to be appointed to the Board of Assessors for a full four-year term.**

**Nomination made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

**Voting for Shelby Storey: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp**

**Nomination for John Richter to be appointed to the Board of Assessors to fill an unexpired term ending on November 17, 2021.**

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

**Voting for John Richter: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp**

**Reports/Announcements**

9. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute advised that due to the excessive rains, the Governor has declared a state of emergency for a large portion of Georgia, which includes Putnam County. He also announced that Fire Chief Shane Hill is retiring after 31 years and a retirement and change of command ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at noon at the Administration Building. A new chief, Tommy McClain, has been hired and will be here for the ceremony.

10. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Nelson advised that an Executive Session was needed for two Personnel matters.

11. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: commented that he has been approached by constituents who are trying to stay current on what's happening by watching the live streamed commissioner meetings, but they are boring.

Commissioner Sharp: invited everyone to the Lake Country Chorus on Saturday night at The Plaza. Tickets are available for \$20 each.

Chairman Webster: none

**Executive Session**

12. 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 personnel.**

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

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

Meeting closed at approximately 9:42 a.m.

13. Reopen Meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

**Motion to reopen the meeting and authorize the Chairman to sign the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.**

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

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

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 10:37 a.m.

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

No action was taken.

**Closing**

15. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:39 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman