

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## **Minutes**

**Friday, November 1, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, November 1, 2019 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  
Commissioner Trevor Addison

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Adam Nelson  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

### **Opening**

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

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2. Invocation - Pastor Deck Jackson

Pastor Deck Jackson gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

County Clerk Lynn Butterworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Special Presentations

- a. Presentation providing an overview of the Georgia Department of Human Services and its Division of Aging Services, Division of Child Support Services and Division of Family and Children Services

Representatives from the Georgia Department of Human Services gave an overview of the department and its Division of Aging Services, Division of Child Support Services, and Division of Family and Children Services. Information about the various divisions was also distributed. (Copy of documents made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

- b. Departmental Presentation - Putnam Development Authority

Chairman Ed Waggoner and member John Wojtas of the Putnam Development Authority provided an update on the work of the authority.

**Regular Business Meeting**

5. Public Comments

Mr. Don Cottrell commented on growing up in an orphanage and the upcoming city elections.

6. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

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

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

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - October 15, 2019 Zoning Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting (staff-CC)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

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

8. Request to display documents of America's Law and Government in the Putnam County Courthouse (BW)

Ms. Lynda Brown of Foundations of American Law & Government distributed documents and requested the board to approve the displaying of historical documents in the Putnam County Courthouse. The display includes the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, Preamble to the Georgia Constitution, Lady Justice, The Magna-Carta, The Mayflower Compact, National Motto, The Star-Spangled Banner, and The Ten Commandments.

**Motion to approve the request to display documents of America's Law and Government in the Putnam County Courthouse.**

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

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

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9. Approval of 2019 Budget Amendment #2 (staff-Finance)

**Motion to approve 2019 Budget Amendment #2.**

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

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

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10. Approval of Changes to the Putnam County Personnel Policy (staff-HR)

**Motion to table this item until the 2nd meeting in December.**

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

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

### **Reports/Announcements**

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- LMIG potential road list sent out to commissioners with road ratings; funding level of approximately \$187,000 per district; please be ready by next meeting with choices
- Brunch bill – attorneys are working the draft resolution and should have soon
- Old Phoenix Road right hand turn lane bid opening was held – low bid was \$170,369; we will be receiving \$200,000 from GDOT LMIG funding so we will be able to extend the turn lane; this will be awarded at the next meeting
- PGH referendum details need to be decided

12. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Nelson reported the following:

- Brunch bill - should be ready for inclusion on the March ballot
- PGH referendum - need direction regarding length of time to be collected, when it should be on the ballot, and specific language; will present to BOC at first meeting in December

Deputy County Manager Jackson also reported that representatives from FEMA will be here on December 6, 2019 for a work session concerning the flood maps. Maps are available in her office for review.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: shared that Sandra Barr passed away this morning

Commissioner Sharp: advised that he would not be here for the next meeting

Commissioner Addison: cheered “go dawgs”

Chairman Webster: none

**Executive Session**

14. 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 real estate purposes.**

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

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

Meeting closed at approximately 11:06 a.m.

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

**Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.**

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

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

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Meeting reopened at approximately 12:27 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

17. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

Second session not needed

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

Second session not held

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

Second session not held

**Closing**

20. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman