

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, July 1, 2022 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, July 1, 2022 at approximately 9:00 a.m. 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 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 9:00 a.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

3. Invocation - Rev. Dr. Ford G'Segner

Rev. Dr. Ford G'Segner gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - ESG Engineering

Mr. Charlie Bridges with ESG gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update. Mr. Steve Hersey commented on the Dance Road Loop portion of the project and the 2015 agreement between Putnam County and EPWSA to lease the water line to the Authority. He submitted a copy of the agreement.

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Code of Ordinances Public Hearing

6. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 28 (Development Regulations)

No one signed in to speak for or against the proposed changes.

Staff recommendation was to insert 25 years into the blank in Section 28-40 (a) (3).

Motion to adopt changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 28 (Development Regulations with 25 years added to Section 28-40 (a) (3).

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments

None

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of 2022 Alcohol License (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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9. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Application from Southern Company (staff-CM)

Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Permit Application from Southern Company

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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

Chairman Webster advised that the two vacancies will be handled separately.

For the full four-year term:

Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Sharp, nominated Virginia Daley for appointment to the Board of Assessors for a full four-year term.

Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Brown, nominated Claude Morris for appointment to the Board of Assessors for a full four-year term.

Chairman Webster called for the vote. Commissioner McElhenney voted for Virginia Daley. Commissioner Brown voted for Virginia Daley. Commissioner Sharp voted for Virginia Daley. Commissioner Wooten voted for Virginia Daley.

For the remaining portion of the unexpired vacant position:

Ms. Shona Bales was nominated for appointment to the Board of Assessors for the remaining portion of the unexpired vacant position.

Nomination made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea for Shona Bales: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

Chairman Webster invited Mr. Rufus Adair, reporter for The Eatonton Messenger to introduce Mr. Ian Tocher, the new editor of The Eatonton Messenger.

Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Budget Work Sessions will be held on July 11 & 12
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Fire/EMS Station and Coroner's Office will be July 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- The new Aerial Firetruck is here at Station 10
- Happy 4th of July

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

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13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: announced that tonight is the last performance of Godspell at the Plaza Arts Center and recommended that everyone go see it.

Commissioner Wooten: shared that he received a phone call bragging on the Public Works Department and expressed his thanks for all they do.

Chairman Webster: expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for filling a pothole on Little River Trail.

Closing

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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