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Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 ◊ 1:00 PM
Putnam County Administration Building
117 Putnam Drive, Eatonton, GA 31024

The Putnam Development Authority met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at approximately 1:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Walt Rocker III
Member Patty Burns
Member Mylle Mangum
Member John Wojtas

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Kevin Brown
Economic Development Director Matt Poyner
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rocker called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

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2. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting
- b. January 13, 2026 Executive Session

Attorney Brown advised that a correction was needed to the Regular Meeting minutes: add the word “negotiations” to the end of the motion in item #11 (Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session.)

Motion to approve the January 13, 2026 Executive Session minutes and the January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes with the following correction: add the word “negotiations” to the end of the motion in item #11 (Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session.)

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

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Financials

3. Approval of Financials - January 2026

Member Burns reviewed the Financials.

Motion to approve the January 2026 Financials.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

(Copy of financials made a part of the minutes.)

Reports

4. Economic Development Director Report

Executive Director Matt Poyner reported the following:

(Copy of report made a part of the minutes)

- Administrative
- Business & Industry Company Contacts
 - Local Industry
- Workforce Development
 - Putnam College & Career Academy
 - MGEA
- Marketing & Branding
 - Marketing
 - Property
- Project Status
 - Project activity
- Rock Eagle Technology Park
 - Miscellaneous
- South Industrial Park
 - Property overview

Regular Business

5. Discussion and possible action on Highway 441 Appraisal (tabled from 1-13-26 meeting)

EDD Poyner explained that an appraiser was engaged for the property located next to Central Georgia Technical College. He will contact the inquiring entity and check on their interest.

Attorney Brown suggested proceeding with a survey and investigating road access. Chairman Rocker suggested surveying the property near the County Administration Building at the same time.

No action was taken.

6. Discussion and possible action on a Tytan Pictures contract for the Putnam Development Authority Strategic Plan

Member Wojtas commented that it seemed premature to be reviewing this contract; that it contains good information, but input from a couple of other entities should be sought. He suggested putting an RFP together for other marketing/advertising companies and making a performance-based selection, not necessarily just a low-price selection. Member Mangum supported getting some other quotes and suggested that each member review the Tytan Pictures proposal and send comments to EDD Poyner to consolidate and use for negotiations. A March 31, 2026 deadline was set for board member comments. No action was taken.

(Copy of proposed contract made a part of the minutes.)

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7. Selection of 2026 PDA Officers

Motion to retain Walt Rocker as PDA Chairman.

Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Motion to retain John Wojtas as PDA Vice-Chairman.

Motion made by Chairman Rocker, Seconded by Member Mangum.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Motion to retain Patty Burns as PDA Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Motion to nominate Mylle Mangum as PDA Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion made by Member Wojtas. No second received.

Attorney Brown reminded members that the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer does not need to be a member of the board and that the position was currently held by Clerk Butterworth.

Motion to retain Lynn Butterworth as PDA Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion made by Member Burns, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Other Business

8. Other Business

Chairman Rocker commented on a current news story by 11AliveNews that is not totally accurate. Attorney Brown suggested publishing a written response to the story. He and EDD Poyner will compose a statement to be circulated to board members for inaccuracies and clarifications before publication. No action was taken.

Next Meeting Items

9. Next Meeting Items

None

Executive Session

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

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Real Estate and Litigation.

Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Burns.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Meeting closed at approximately 1:57 p.m.

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

Motion to reopen the meeting execute the affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Meeting reopened at approximately 2:17 p.m.

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

No action taken.

Closing

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Mangum.

Voting Yea: Member Burns, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Walt Rocker III
Chairman

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