

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, June 2, 2023 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 2, 2023 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Alan Foster
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

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

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

3. Invocation

Pastor Jonathon Dawson, Lakepoint Community Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (DB)

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - Jimmy Davis Park Update

Public Works Director Anthony Frazier, Recreation Direction Scott Haley, and County Manager Van Haute gave an update on Jimmy Davis Park, including recent work on the basketball court, the soccer field, the walking track and the pavilion. A new multipurpose scoreboard has also been ordered. Damage to the recently renovated gravel parking lot was also discussed. (Copy of presentation made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

Mr. George Kelecheck expressed support for short term rentals and submitted information from the Tax Assessor's office. He advised to slow down, put in fines, but don't make drastic changes all at once.

Mr. Joseph Green commented against short term rentals and shared concerns about neighborhoods, septic tanks, and Georgia Power lease lots and asked that owners be held responsible.

Ms. Patricia Hurt commented on Jimmy Davis Park and thanked the board for the work done and for listening to the citizens.

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7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of 2023 Alcohol License (staff-CC)

The County Clerk advised that item b (Approval of 2023 Alcohol License) needed to be removed due to it not being ready in time for the meeting.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, item a (Minutes-May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

8. Authorization for Chairman to sign Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

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9. Approval of FY23 Budget Amendment #1 (staff-Finance)
Finance Director Linda Cook presented and explained the budget amendment.

Motion to approve the FY23 Budget Amendment #1.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- LMIG project is out for bid; due date is June 15, 2023
- Thanked the board for support with Jimmy Davis Park; there is lots of work being done

11. County Attorney Report

No report.

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: reminded everyone that the Dairy Festival is tomorrow and encouraged all to come out.

Commissioner Foster: thanked Chairman Sharp for appointing him to the Eatonton-Putnam Tourism Arts Heritage board. He is learning a lot and will bring a report to the commission soon.

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Sharp: thanked everyone for their participation and commented that he is proud of what's happening at Jimmy Davis Park and thanks the citizens for their patience.

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Closing

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Foster,
Commissioner Wooten**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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