

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, September 4, 2020 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, September 4, 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 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 with the addition of an Executive Session after the Commissioner Announcements and a special prelude after the invocation.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Chairman Webster introduced Senator Brandon Beach from Senate District 21. He owns property in Putnam County and wanted to meet the board.

3. Invocation

County Attorney Fleming gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

Chairman Webster introduced the special prelude: "Old Glory" by patriotic speaker Evangelo Morris.

Chairman Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Special Presentation - Youth Services - Dr. Ulrica Jones, Eventual Success, LLC

This item was postponed until after the Public Hearing.

Mill Rate Public Hearing

Chairman Webster opened the public hearing at approximate 9:11 a.m.

6. Presentation of Proposed 2020 Mill Rate (staff-Finance)

County Manager Van Haute gave a presentation on the proposed mill rate.

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7. Comments from the Public

None

8. Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

The Commissioners thanked the staff and everyone for their hard work. Chairman Webster commented that the mill rate is most important to the public because it directly affects the amount of taxes they pay.

Chairman Webster closed the public hearing at approximately 9:18 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Special Presentation - Youth Services - Dr. Ulrica Jones, Eventual Success, LLC

Dr. Ulrica Jones spoke about youth services and the programs offered by Eventual Success.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - August 18, 2020 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - August 28, 2020 Called Meeting (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

11. Declaration of Road Abandonment of a portion of Little-Minton Road and authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution and Affidavit (staff-CC)

Motion to declare a portion of Little-Minton Road abandoned and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution and Affidavit of Abandonment.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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12. Authorization for staff to schedule a Public Hearing for a Name Change to a county road (BW)

Chairman Webster explained that there are two Tanglewood roads - one in District Three and one in District Four, which causes much confusion. The one in District Three only has five homeowners on it, so it is the one being proposed to change.

Motion to authorize the staff to schedule a Public Hearing for a name change to Tanglewood Road in District Three.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

13. Appointment of 2020 Voting Delegate for the ACCG Business Session of the Legislative Leadership Conference (BS)

Motion to appoint Chairman Billy Webster as the Voting Delegate for the ACCG Business Session of the Legislative Leadership Conference.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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14. Ratification of the Board of Education Mill Rate and Authorization for Chairman to sign Tax Levy Resolution (staff-Finance)

Motion to ratify the Board of Education Mill Rate of 15.772 mills and authorize the Chairman to sign the Tax Levy Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown

Voting Nay: Commissioner Sharp

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15. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution setting 2020 Mill Rate for Incorporated County Maintenance and Operation (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution setting the 2020 Mill Rate for Incorporated County Maintenance and Operation at 8.078 mills.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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16. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution setting 2020 Mill Rate for Unincorporated County Maintenance and Operation (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution setting the 2020 Mill Rate for Unincorporated County Maintenance and Operation at 8.078 mills.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp
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17. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution setting 2020 Mill Rate for Special Service District (staff-Finance)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution setting the 2020 Mill Rate for Special Service District at .378 mills.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp
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Reports/Announcements

18. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Striping of 125 miles by GDOT is underway
- County received Cares Act funding of around \$826,000
- HR Director Cynthia Miller applied for and received a \$4000 safety grant
- MGRC will be at the next meeting to discuss a splash pad grant
- PIO Stephanie McMullen gave a social media report (copy of report made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____)

19. County Attorney Report

No report.

20. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Chairman Webster: none

21. 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 Litigation purposes.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting closed at approximately 10:15 a.m.

22. 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 Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting reopened at approximately 10:38 a.m.

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

No action taken.

Closing

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:39 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman