

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

Friday, December 2, 2022 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, December 2, 2022 at approximately 9:00 AM 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 Clerk Lynn Butterworth

### *STAFF ABSENT*

County Manager Paul Van Haute

## 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 Brown.**

**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 (DB)

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation

- a. Retirement Proclamation - Bob Rogers

The commissioners presented a proclamation to Deputy Sergeant Bob Rogers congratulating him on his retirement.

**Code of Ordinances Public Hearing**

6. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) (staff-P&D)

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

**Motion to adopt the changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 66 (Zoning).**

**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 - November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)  
b. Approval of Minutes - November 15, 2022 Executive Session (staff-CC)  
c. Approval of 2023 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

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

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9. Appointment to the Putnam County Board of Health (staff-CC)

**Motion to appoint Yvonne Harrell to the Putnam County Board of Health.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

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

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10. Approval of 2023 BOC Meeting Schedule (staff-CC)  
County Clerk Butterworth reviewed the schedule and pointed out a conflict with the April 7, 2023 meeting; that date is the county holiday for Good Friday. Chairman Webster recommended to leave the schedule as is and decide later whether to change or cancel that meeting.

**Motion to approve the 2023 BOC Meeting Schedule.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

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

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### **Reports/Announcements**

11. County Manager Report

No report; County Manager Van Haute absent.

12. County Attorney Report

No report, but Executive Session is needed.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: invited everyone to the Christmas on the Avenue program with a choir, orchestra, and handbells at The Plaza at 6:00 PM Sunday, December 4, 2022. There is no charge for admission.

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: commented that a recent issue of Georgia Trend magazine published the 500 most influential people in the State and nobody from Putnam County made the list. There were seven military people and five government people, no county officials at all.

### **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 Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

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

Meeting closed at approximately 9:21 a.m.

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

**Motion to reopen the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting reopened at approximately 10:29 a.m.

Attorney Fleming reported that one real estate matter was discussed with no final action and a motion is needed to sign the affidavit.

Motion to allow the Chairman to sign the Executive Session affidavit.

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

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

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16. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session  
None

**Closing**

17. 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 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman

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