

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Budget Work Session

### Minutes

Friday, July 18, 2025 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Budget Work Session on Friday, July 18, 2025 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

### *PRESENT*

Chairman Bill Sharp  
Commissioner Tom McElhenney  
Commissioner Richard Garrett  
Commissioner Steve Hersey  
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth  
Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker  
Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Fricks

### **Opening**

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the work session to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.  
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#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Paul Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Work Session**

#### 3. Budget Discussions

Various budget requests were discussed. Comments were made by Stephanie McMullen and Torrey Whittaker for Public Buildings; Sheriff Howard Sills for Sheriff, Jail, Emergency Management, and E911; Hollis Harrison for Coroner; Michael Gailey for State Court Judge.

Work session recessed for a called meeting at approximately 10:04 a.m.

Work session reconvened at approximately 10:19 a.m.

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Budget discussions continued with Christine Tillman for Animal Services; Matt Poyner for Putnam Development Authority; Anthony Frazier for Public Works; Scott Haley for Recreation (handout); Michael Benton for Uncle Remus Golf Course (handout).

Work session recessed for lunch at approximately 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Wooten left at this time.

Work session reconvened at approximately 1:04 p.m.

Budget discussions continued with Lisa Jackson for Planning & Development, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Code Enforcement.

No action was taken.

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### **Closing**

#### **4. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the work session.**

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

**Voting Yea: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett**

**Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey**

Work session adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp  
Chairman

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