

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, June 7, 2024 ♦ 10:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 7, 2024 at approximately 10:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Steve Hersey
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Planning and Development Director Lisa Jackson

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation (CA)

County Attorney Adam Nelson gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (SH)

Commissioner Hersey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - Mr. Jayden Daniel has earned the Gold Medal Congressional Award - the highest Congressional honor bestowed on young Americans. Congressman Mike Collins to present.

This item was removed from the agenda pending a future date.

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

Mr. Ferrell Thompson spoke in reference to water tap fees.

Mr. William Vargo spoke regarding the proposed code changes.

Ms. Barbara Vargo spoke regarding lobbyist.

Ms. Jennifer Ray spoke regarding BOC rules.

7. Right of Way request from AT&T to install fiber to the Maddox Station subdivision (staff-PW) (tabled from last meeting)

Public Works Director Anthony Frazer presented this request to the BOC.

Motion to approve the request for AT&T to install fiber to the Maddox Station subdivision.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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

Mr. Billy Webster spoke regarding this request.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

(Copy of agreement made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

9. BOC District One Election Update - Kim Rudolph

Kim Rudolph provided an update to the commissioners regarding filling the unexpired term of District One Commissioner. No action was taken.

10. Extend Oconee Overlook (Len Resort) agreement 120 days

County Attorney Nelson and County Manager Van Haute spoke regarding this request.

Motion to reject the request to extend the Agreement with Oconee Overlook for 120 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Hersey

Voting Nay: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten

Motion to extend the Agreement with Oconee Overlook for 120 days

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Wooten, Chairman Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

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11. Discussion of HB 1373 (SH)

Commissioner Hersey spoke regarding this item and asked County Attorney Nelson to explain the bill. County Attorney Nelson provided an explanation of the bill to the commission. No action was taken.

Reports/Announcements

12. County Manager Report

No report

13. County Attorney Report

No report

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Brown: commented on the Dairy Festival and commended the Pilot Club for a job well done.

Commissioner Hersey: requested continued prayers for Lynn Butterworth and announced the Crooked Creek annual yard sale.

Commissioner Wooten: thanked all the county employees for a job well done and wished Lynn a speedy recovery.

Chairman Sharp: wished Lynn a speedy recovery and asked that everyone lift Gary McElhenney's family in prayer.

Closing

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lisa Jackson
Acting Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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