

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Budget Work Session

### Minutes

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, July 16, 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  
Finance Director Linda Cook  
Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Fricks

### **Opening**

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the work session to order at approximately 9:03 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

Commissioner McElhenney arrived at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Various budget requests were discussed. Comments were made by Trevor Addison for Clerk of Superior Court, Board of Equalization, State Court, Juvenile Court, and Law Library (via phone); Alan Horton, Rachel Harvey, and Pam Douglas for Putnam General Hospital (handout); Irene Mitchell for Health Department; Dorothy Adams for Magistrate Court; Stacy Brown and

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Abriele Boatfield for Eatonton Public Library; Keith Fielder for County Extension Service; Brandy Huskins for Probate Court; Terrell Abernathy for Tax Commissioner; Dianne Pounds for Public Transit System.

Work session recessed for lunch at approximately 12:23 p.m.

Work session reconvened at approximately 1:31 p.m.

Budget discussions continued with Susan Campbell for Oconee Springs Park Fund; Lonnie Campbell for Edgewater Event Center; Chuck Anglin for Tax Assessor; Thomas McClain for Fire Stations; Brad Murphey for Ambulance Service; Stephanie McMullen for Public Relations; Cynthia Miller for Human Resources; Kim Rudolph for Board of Elections & Registration; Chairman Sharp, County Manager Van Haute, and Finance Director Cook for District Commissioners, Executive Officers, Finance Department, General Administration, Legal Services, Risk Management, RDC Fees, Jail Fund, Drug Education Fund, and Solid Waste Fund.

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 Wooten.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten**

Work session adjourned at approximately 3:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp  
Chairman

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