

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Work Session

Minutes

Friday, August 27, 2021 ♦ 1:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Work Session on August 27, 2021 at approximately 1:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, 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 Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the work session to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

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2. Calendar scheduling discussion involving Redistricting, LOST, and Comp Plan update (BW)
Chairman Webster advised that there are several upcoming important issues: Redistricting, LOST, Comp Plan, and Elections.

- Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) negotiations: starts with a letter from the county to the city which starts a 60-day clock
- Redistricting: Attorney Fleming advised that every 10 years, after the Census, districts must be redrawn to reflect equal population, as close as possible. The state has to redraw senate and house districts, the county redraws commission districts and the school board redraws board of education districts. A bill has to be introduced into the Legislature for the county redistricting. County commissioners can go to the state redistricting office to start redrawing lines. This process needs to take place between now and the end of the

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year. The final decision is up to the Legislators, but most will listen to what the counties want. Chairman Webster advised that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission can also run the software for drawing lines.

- Comp Plan update: is due October 2022 - MGRC guides this process

No action was taken.

3. Discussion and possible action on Resolution(s) supporting applications for State ARPA Funding (BW)

Motion to table this item.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Closing

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the work session.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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