

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, March 5, 2021 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, March 5, 2021 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp

ABSENT

Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

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: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

3. Invocation - Dr. Ford G'Segner

Dr. Ford G'Segner gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BW)

Fire Chief McClain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - Finance Department Awards

County Manager Van Haute announced some recent GGFOA awards earned by the Finance Department. For the 7th year in a row the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Putnam County for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. Also, for the 5th year in a row the Government Finance Officers Association announced that Putnam County, Georgia has received GFOA’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR award). In addition, for the 3rd year in a row, Finance Director Linda Cook earned a Service Award from the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, this one in recognition of her outstanding service as the Annual Conference Chair 2019-2020. County Manager Van Haute congratulated the Finance Department and thanked them for their hard work. The Board also expressed their appreciation to the Finance Department.

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

None

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of 2021 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)
- c. Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution for Financing new Ladder Truck (staff-Fire)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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8. Presentation from Waste Management Company

Mr. Steve Edwards and Mr. Josh Raugh from Waste Management provided an update on the solid waste disposal program. No action was taken.

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9. Presentation of FY20 Audit Report

Mr. Pat Muse from McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC presented the FY20 Audit Report. They reported an unmodified or “clean” opinion on the basic financial statements.

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10. Surplus Fixed Assets for Sale (staff-Finance)

Motion to surplus the fixed assets for sale as listed in the meeting package.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute again congratulated the Finance Department for their incredible work. He also announced there may be some Sheriff's vehicles to be surplus at the next meeting.

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

13. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: absent

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: absent

Chairman Webster: none

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 Litigation and Real Estate.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting closed at approximately 9:42 a.m.

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

Motion to reopen the meeting and authorize the Chairman to sign the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 10:01 a.m.

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16. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session
No action was taken.

Closing

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:02 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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