

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Gary McElhenney
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp
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 6:30 p.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 Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

3. Invocation

County Attorney Adam Nelson gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance

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5. Special Presentation - Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce President Maggie Milner presented the Chamber’s Semi-Annual Report for 2022 and announced that their new website was now live: visiteatonton.com. She also presented personalized gold shovels from the recent Fire/EMS/Coroner Station groundbreaking ceremony to the Commissioners, County Manager, Fire Chief, EMS Director, and Coroner. (Copy of report made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

Zoning Public Hearing

The Zoning Public Hearing opened at approximately 6:47 p.m.

- 6. Request by Rocker Construction, Inc. for conditional use at 368 Harmony Road [Map 072, Parcel 015, District 1] (staff-P&D)

The applicant is requesting to withdraw this item without prejudice.

Mr. Walt Rocker asked to withdraw this request without prejudice. No one else signed in to speak on this item.

Motion to approve the request to withdraw without prejudice the request by Rocker Construction, Inc. for conditional use at 368 Harmony Road [Map 072, Parcel 015].

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

- 7. Request by William & Barbara Vargo to rezone 10.60 acres at 230 Quesenberry Drive from R-1 to AG [Map 115B, Parcel 080,081,082,083, District 3] (staff-P&D)

The applicant is requesting to withdraw this item without prejudice.

Mr. Bill Vargo asked to withdraw this request without prejudice. Several people signed in to speak against the rezoning request. Chairman Webster explained that if the board approves the request to withdraw, then there is no rezoning to speak against. He advised that he would allow them to make their comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting if they so desired.

Motion to approve the request to withdraw without prejudice the request by William & Barbara Vargo to rezone 10.60 acres at 230 Quesenberry Drive from R-1 to AG [Map 115B, Parcel 080,081,082,083].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

The Zoning Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:58 p.m.

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Code of Ordinances Public Hearing

The Code of Ordinances Public Hearing opened at approximately 6:58 p.m.

- 8. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 28 (Development Regulations) and Chapter 32 (Fire Protection and Prevention)

No one signed in to speak for or against this item.

Motion to adopt changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 28 (Development Regulations) and Chapter 32 (Fire Protection and Prevention).

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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The Code of Ordinances Public Hearing closed at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

- 9. Public Comments

Mr. David Adair and Mr. Randall Lovell commented against AG rezoning on Quesenberry Drive or any residential community.

Mrs. Edie Adair, Mr. Miguel Barrios, and Mr. Stuart Keener signed in on the prior rezoning item but declined to speak at this time.

- 10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - July 1, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - July 11, 2022 Budget Work Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - July 12, 2022 Budget Work Session (staff-CC)
- d. Authorization for Chairman to sign Agreement for Section 5311 Transit Operating between Georgia Department of Transportation and Putnam County (staff-Transit)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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

- 11. Request to begin the road abandonment process for Battlesmith Road (staff-PW) (tabled from 6-21-2022)

Mr. Mark Smith spoke against the abandonment of Battlesmith Road and requested some maintenance for the road.

Public Works Director Tony Clack recommended withdrawal of the request to abandon Battlesmith Road.

Motion to terminate the proposed road abandonment process of Battlesmith Road.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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12. Awarding of Solicitation 22-36001-001 Ambulance (staff-EMS)

EMS Director Brad Murphey advised that bids were solicited and opened last week for a new ambulance. Only one bid was received from Custom Truck & Body Works at \$237,448.00.

Motion to award Solicitation 22-36001-001 Ambulance to Custom Truck & Body Works in the amount of \$237,448.00.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

13. Awarding of Solicitation 22-36001-002 Ambulance Remount (staff-EMS)

EMS Director Brad Murphey advised that bids were solicited and opened last week for an ambulance remount. This is to replace an ambulance that was wrecked around the first of the year and will be a new chassis to mount the old ambulance box on. He further advised that approximately \$74,000 was received from the insurance company for the wrecked ambulance.

Motion to award Solicitation 22-36001-002 Ambulance Remount to Custom Truck & Body Works in the amount of \$114,080.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

14. Appointment to the Region Two Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Planning Board (staff-CC)

Mrs. Gloria Morrell was nominated for appointment to the Region Two Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Planning Board.

Nomination made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea for Gloria Morrell: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Wooten

Reports/Announcements

15. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Spoke with Mr. Corbett Reynolds of GDOT regarding the Highway 441 water line relocation and even though costs have increased, Putnam County is still only responsible for 10% of the costs of relocation only. This does not include the bore under the road.
- Mr. Reynolds also advised that the Highway 44 project is in Right-of-Way acquisition now and they are working on plans for a roundabout at Linger Longer Road. GDOT will share once those are ready.

16. County Attorney Report

No report but did request an Executive Session.

17. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: thanked the staff for the smooth budget work sessions.

Commissioner Brown: none

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Commissioner Sharp: thanked staff and the commissioners for prayers and condolences for his sister's passing.

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: none

Executive Session

18. 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 McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Meeting closed at approximately 7:34 p.m.

19. Presentation of new Aerial Fire Truck

Prior to the Executive Session, all attendants went outside, and the Putnam County Fire Department presented the new 2022 Pierce Ascendant 100 FT Heavy Duty Aerial Tower. Some of the features include enhanced driver visibility, shorter wheelbase and rear overhang, superior scrub area coverage, and easy engine serviceability.

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

Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:38 p.m.

21. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

No action taken.

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Closing

22. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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