

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

**Friday, February 1, 2019 ♦ 9:00 AM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, February 1, 2019 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia

### *PRESENT*

Chairman Billy Webster  
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin  
Commissioner Daniel Brown  
Commissioner Bill Sharp  
Commissioner Trevor Addison

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Adam Nelson  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

### **Opening**

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.

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2. Invocation

Pastor Pete Mattix of Lake Country Baptist Church gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance (DB)

Commissioner Daniel Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Special Presentation

a. Departmental Presentation - EMS

EMS Director Brad Murphey and Fire Chief Shane Hill presented a Civilian Medal of Honor to Deputy County Manager Lisa Jackson in recognition of a recent incident where she risked danger to herself to save someone else.

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EMS Director Brad Murphey made a presentation on his department, explaining some of what they do and demonstrating one of their new stretchers.

**Ordinances Public Hearing**

5. Proposed adoption of changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 2 (Administration)

Chairman Webster opened the public hearing at approximately 9:15 a.m. No one signed in to speak on this item. The public hearing was closed at approximately 9:17 a.m.

**Motion to adopt changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 2 (Administration) as written.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

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**Regular Business Meeting**

6. Public Comments

Mr. Don Cottrell commented that he was unable to attend the January meetings, but he wanted to welcome the new “old” board member and the new “new” board member. He also announced that he and his wife will be soon be celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up.

7. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda as outlined.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

8. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes - January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
  - b. Approval of 2019 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

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9. Courthouse Landscaping Committee (BW & staff-CC)

- a. Approval of Resolution Establishing Committee

**Motion to approve the Resolution establishing the Courthouse Landscaping Committee including the Charter of Operations.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

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- b. Appointment of Members

Chairman Webster appointed the following to the Courthouse Landscaping Committee: Sheila H. Perry, Cindy & Chuck Crabtree, Joye Hancock, Keith Fielder, Shawn Davis, Kevin Tomson-Hooper, Roddie Anne Blackwell, and Andy Craine. He further named Keith Fielder as Chairman of the committee and designated Commissioners Irvin and Brown as Ex-officio members - vote is for concurrence with Chair appointments

**Voting Yea (in concurrence with the Chairman's appointments): Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

10. Recommendations for Appointment to the Hospital Authority - Post 2 (staff-CC)

**Motion to approve J.T. Gregory Jr., Nancy Chaklos, and David Owens as recommendations for appointment to the Hospital Authority.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Addison, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

11. Approval of Pledge Leading Rotation (KI)

12. Approval of BOC Voting Rotation (KI)

Chairman Webster advised that items 11 & 12 will be handled together.

**Motion to approve the Pledge Leading Rotation and Voting Rotation as presented.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Addison.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

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13. Discussion of request by Sinclair Water Authority to amend HB398 (BW)

Commissioner Addison explained that this request came from the Sinclair Water Authority due to a past lack of Putnam County participation in SWA meetings for almost 12 months, causing them to be unable to conduct business. The amendment is to try to correct and prevent this situation.

County Attorney Nelson recommended that the staff of Baldwin County, Putnam County and SWA get together to clean up the language in the amendment and reminded everyone that there are time concerns to get this through local legislation this year.

The County Attorney was asked to get with the SWA attorney and work on the language. Chairman Webster advised that there may be a need for a called meeting to take action in order to get to the General Assembly in a timely manner. No action was taken.

**Reports/Announcements**

14. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Eatonton City Council is available for a joint consolidation meeting on February 18, 2019 in the afternoon.
- Congratulated Lisa on her award.

15. County Attorney Report

No report.

16. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: inquired when is the deadline for the SWA local legislation. County Attorney Nelson advised that he hopes to have language ready by next Tuesday and that it needs to get to the General Assembly as soon as possible. Chairman Webster called a meeting for this issue for Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: thanked Chairman Webster for a productive meeting with GDOT-good progress was made.

Commissioner Addison: advised that the Gatewood proclamations will be presented on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Gatewood School.

Chairman Webster: thanked Fire Chief Hill for recognizing Lisa Jackson and congratulated her.

**Closing**

17. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown,  
Commissioner Sharp, Commissioner Addison**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman