

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 ♦ 6:30 PM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM 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 Jeff Wooten

### *STAFF PRESENT*

County Attorney Barry Fleming  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

### **Opening**

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m.  
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2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

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

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

3. Invocation

Pastor Rob Raynor, of Lakepoint Community Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Special Presentations

a. Retirement Proclamation - Judge Karen Owen

Judge Owen was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Retirement Proclamation - Clerk of Courts Sheila Perry

The commissioners presented a proclamation and gift card to Clerk of Courts Sheila Perry congratulating her on her retirement.

c. Retirement Presentation - Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce President Roddie Anne Blackwell

The commissioners presented a special achievement award to Chamber of Commerce President Roddie Anne Blackwell congratulating her on her retirement.

**Zoning Public Hearing**

6. Request by C. Roy Embry for conditional use at 621 New Phoenix Road. Presently zoned C-1 [Map 075, Parcel 050, District 2] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Terry Embry spoke in support of a conditional use for fertilizer storage. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval of a conditional use for a fertilizer storage/blending facility located on New Phoenix Rd NE [Map 075, Parcel 050].

**Motion to approve the request by C. Roy Embry for conditional use for a fertilizer storage/blending facility at 621 New Phoenix Road [Map 075, Parcel 050].**

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

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

7. Request by Willie David Copelan to rezone 5.00 acres from AG-2 to C-2 at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Part of Parcel 017001001, District 2] (staff-P&D)

**The applicant is requesting to table this item.**

Mr. Larry Moore and Mr. Danny Copelan spoke in support of this request. They requested to defer this request until the January 19, 2021 BOC meeting and distributed two handouts. Mr. Scott Martin, Mrs. Heidi King, and Mr. Jon King spoke against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval to rezone 5.00 acres at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Parcel 017001001, District 2] from AG-2 to C-1 with the following conditions:

- (1) The developer shall construct a deceleration lane in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control to service the entrance on Pea Ridge Road of the development.
- (2) Additional right-of-way to accommodate the deceleration lane and a ten-foot shoulder shall be dedicated by the developer to the county.

**Motion to table the request by Willie David Copelan to rezone 5.00 acres from AG-2 to C-2 at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Part of Parcel 017001001] until the January 19, 2021 meeting.**

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

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

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8. Request by Zeke Long, agent for Tyler Land Holdings LLC, to rezone 2.76 acres from C-1 to C-2 on Greensboro Road [Map 103A, Part of Parcel 062, District 3] (staff-P&D)

**The applicant is requesting to table this item.**

Mr. Matthew Zieo and Mr. Rett Tyler spoke in support of this request and distributed a handout. They had emailed a request to defer this item until January, but withdraw that request at the meeting. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning & Development staff recommendation was for denial to rezone 2.76 acres on Greensboro Road [Map 103A, Part of Parcel 062] from C-1 to C-2.

**Motion to table the request by Zeke Long, agent for Tyler Land Holdings LLC, to rezone 2.76 acres from C-1 to C-2 on Greensboro Road [Map 103A, Part of Parcel 062] until the January 19, 2021 meeting.**

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

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

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### **Regular Business Meeting**

9. Public Comments

None

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - December 4, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes - December 4, 2020 Executive Session

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

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

11. Recommendations for Appointment to the Hospital Authority - Post 3 (staff-CC)

**Motion to recommend the following for appointment to the Hospital Authority: William Cooper Rainey, Jr., David J. Owens, and Jeff Hodge.**

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

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

12. Declaration of Road Abandonment of a portion of Horton Drive and authorization for Chairman to sign required documents (staff-CC)

**Motion to declare a portion of Horton Drive abandoned and authorize the Chairman to sign required documents.**

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

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

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**Reports/Announcements**

13. County Manager Report

No report for the County Manager.

County Clerk Butterworth explained and demonstrated the new on-line credit card system.

14. County Attorney Report

No report.

15. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Irvin: commented that he has enjoyed his years as commissioner and will miss everyone.

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: advised that he has tickets for sale for the BBQ cook-off on Saturday, December 19, 2020 for \$5 each.

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The commissioners presented a proclamation and clock to Commissioner Irvin thanking him for his service on the board.

**Closing**

16. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Billy Webster  
Chairman