

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Called Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 23, 2025 ♦ 10:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a called meeting on Friday, May 23, 2025 at approximately 10:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Commissioner Tom McElhenney
Commissioner Richard Garrett
Commissioner Steve Hersey
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute

STAFF ABSENT

County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:06 a.m.

Called Meeting

2. Motion to direct staff to file for a declaratory judgment as to the current validity of the limited access conditions imposed by the Putnam County Board of Commissioners in the rezoning resolution of November 7, 1995 for the commercial property known as the Thunder Pointe Commercial Subdivision [Map 102, Parcel B032] and to prohibit staff from approving or signing a preliminary plat until the issue is adjudicated (SH)

Item was tabled at the May 20, 2025 Regular Business Meeting.

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Motion to remove the item from the table.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Litigation.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

Meeting closed at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Motion to reopen the meeting following Executive Session.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting reconvened at approximately 11:31 a.m.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

(Copy of affidavit made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Commissioner McElhenney called for the question. Commissioner Hersey objected.

Voting yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten, Chairman Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

Vote on the motion to direct staff to file for a declaratory judgment as to the current validity of the limited access conditions imposed by the Putnam County Board of Commissioners in the rezoning resolution of November 7, 1995 for the commercial property known as the Thunder Pointe Commercial Subdivision [Map 102, Parcel B032] and to prohibit staff from approving or signing a preliminary plat until the issue is adjudicated.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey.

Voting Nay: Chairman Sharp, Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Wooten

Motion fails.

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Closing

3. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten

Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Van Haute
County Manager

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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