

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## Minutes

**Tuesday, June 25, 2024 ♦ 6:00 PM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

### *PRESENT*

Chairman Bill Sharp  
Commissioner Daniel Brown  
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

### *ABSENT*

Commissioner Steve Hersey

### *STAFF PRESENT*

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

## **Opening**

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Sharp advised that the presentation from the Jimmy Davis Partnership Advisory Council needed to be removed from the agenda because they could not be here today.

**Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Setting Qualifying Fees.**

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

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

3. Invocation - Jerry Swafford, Marshall Memorial Baptist Church

Pastor Jerry Swafford, Marshal Memorial Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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5. Special Presentation - Rural Transit Day Proclamation

County Manager Van Haute read the proclamation.

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**Regular Business Meeting**

6. Public Comments

Ms. Barbara Vargo commented on grant money from the lobbyist and the budget.

Fire Chief McClain recognized some retiring volunteer firefighters: Donnie Chapman, 2006, Rockville; Hank Bauer, 2005, Sugar Creek; and Joe Thompson, 1974, founding member of the Rescue squad. Chief McClain presented plaques to each retiree.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - April 5, 2024 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2024 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - April 27, 2024 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
- d. Authorization for Chairman to sign ACCG-GSIWCF Employee Safety Grant Application (staff-HR)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

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

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8. Presentation from the Jimmy Davis Partnership Advisory Council

Removed from the agenda.

9. Discussion and possible action on the proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapters 28 (Development Regulations) and 66 (Zoning) (staff-P&D/CA)

Mr. Billy Webster commented on the setback from the lake.

Mr. Bill Vargo commented that the ordinances should be reworded with more detail and don't need to be trendy.

Ms. Jennifer Ray commented on the square footage requirements for barndominiums.

Mr. Charles Ray commented on setbacks from the lake.

County Attorney Nelson advised that this proposed revision started in September 2023 and is not a full rewrite. He also reviewed the major changes.

**Motion to adopt the proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapters 28 (Development Regulations) and 66 (Zoning).**

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

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

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9.5 Setting of Qualifying fees

**Motion to set the Qualifying fee for District #1 Commissioner at \$234.00.**

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

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

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**Reports/Announcements**

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- Paving on Scott Road started; delays should be expected
- Report received from Atlas regarding the speed limit on Parks Mill Road - recommend remaining at 55 mph
- Glad to have County Clerk Butterworth back

11. County Attorney Report

No report.

12. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Brown: thanked everyone for their interest and attendance and commented that we are blessed with good people in Putnam County; asked everyone to remember the Manley family in the recent death of Larry who was the former County Surveyor.

Commissioner Wooten: commented that he would love to see more people volunteering for the county fire/rescue like the ones honored earlier tonight; he thanked the ones who do volunteer.

Chairman Sharp: commented on the absent mailbox in front of the Eatonton post office for over a year; he advised the mailbox is back now, thanks to Congressman Mike Collins.

**Closing**

13. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp  
Chairman

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