

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Friday, August 5, 2022 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, August 5, 2022 at approximately 9:00 AM 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 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 9:00 a.m.

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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 - Pastor Jonathon Dawson, Lakepoint Community Church

Pastor Jonathon Dawson gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (JW)

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mill Rate Public Hearing

5. Presentation of Proposed 2022 Mill Rate (staff-CM & Fin)

County Manager Van Haute gave a PowerPoint presentation on the mill rate history and proposed millage rate for 2022.

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6. Comments from the Public

Mr. Tommy Jefferson commented that he is opposed to a property tax increase and asked the board to take a hard look at spending. Mr. John Sprague-Williams commented that he is opposed to a property tax increase. Mr. Steve Hersey commented that this is one of the largest increases in Putnam County history and the millage rate needs to be reduced to the rollback rate.

7. Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

None

Budget Work Session

8. Budget Discussions

Clerk of Court Trevor Addison commented that he presented a proposed budget that was less than last year and that he worked with the County Manager to cut a few things but would like to add back the part time budget at \$20K and the correction of the Juvenile Clerk pay rate. Putnam Development Authority Chairman Walt Rocker commented that he was disappointed that the PDA budget request was taken to zero and asked the board to fund their request or as close to it as possible. No action was taken.

Regular Business Meeting

9. Public Comments

Ms. Marianne Bruhn-Popik commented on the Schulze farm pond on Emory Drive and her concerns about damage to the cove where she lives.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - July 19, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - July 19, 2022 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - July 26, 2022 Comp Plan Meeting (staff-CC)
- d. Approval of 2022 Alcohol License(s) (staff-CC)

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

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11. Request from Tax Commissioner to write-off uncollectable accounts (TC)
Director of Collections Terrell Abernathy reviewed the proposed list of write-offs and advised they are all uncollectible.

Motion to approve the request from the Tax Commissioner to write-off uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$10,893.12.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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12. Approval to Surplus Parcel #058A192 on W Daylight Drive (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute advised that the parcel was acquired from a tax sale and the county has no plans or need to develop the property.

Motion to approve the Surplus of Parcel #058A192 on W Daylight Drive.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

13. Request for Road Acceptance of Oakwood Drive (staff-CC)

Public Works Foreman Anthony Frazier advised that he worked with the developer during the construction of the road, and it is up to county standards.

Motion to accept Oakwood Drive into the county road maintenance system.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

14. Review of Community Health Assessment (BW)

Chairman Webster reviewed some information from the Georgia Department of Public Health North Central Health District Community Health Assessment. No action was taken.

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Reports/Announcements

15. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that paving of Pea Ridge Road is under way and traffic is a mess; drive carefully in the area.

16. County Attorney Report

No report.

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17. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: thanked Linda & Paul for the job of putting the budget together.

Commissioner Wooten: none

Chairman Webster: none

Closing

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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