

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at approximately 6:30 PM 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 6:30 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

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 James Smith, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (GM)

Commissioner Gary McElhenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Zoning Public Hearing

Chairman Webster called the Zoning Public Hearing to order at approximately 6:33 p.m.

5. Request by Vernon G. Clark III to rezone 31.98 acres at 1261 Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to AG [Map 110D, Parcel 008, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Vernon Clark spoke in support of the request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval with the following conditions:

1. A 100 ft natural undisturbed buffer shall be established and maintained where the property abuts the adjacent R-2 parcels.
2. The applicant will be restricted to the uses allowed in Section 66-71(a) excluding the following: campground, child daycare center, landing strip private, helipad, fairgrounds and amusement parks, hospice care facility general and limited, kennel commercial and noncommercial, meat processing and packaging facility, recreation outdoor, public and private hunting club, racetrack, shooting range indoor, slaughterhouse, helipad recreational vehicle park, and zoos.
3. The applicant will be restricted to the following uses allowed in Section 66-171(b): riding stable private, animal care limited, workshop limited and a family accessory dwelling unit only.

Motion to approve the request by Vernon G. Clark III to rezone 31.98 acres at 1261 Crooked Creek Road from R-2 to AG [Map 110D, Parcel 008] with the following conditions:

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3. The applicant will be restricted to the following uses allowed in Section 66-171(b): riding stable private, animal care limited, workshop limited and a family accessory dwelling unit only.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

6. Request by Precision Landworks, LLC to rezone 12.42 acres at 140 Sammons Parkway from C-2 to I-M [Map 102D, Parcels 082, 083, 084, 085, and 086, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Brian Key spoke in support of the request. No one signed in to speak against this item. Planning & Development staff recommendation was for approval.

Motion to approve the request by Precision Landworks, LLC to rezone 12.42 acres at 140 Sammons Parkway from C-2 to I-M [Map 102D, Parcels 082, 083, 084, 085, and 086].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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Charmain Webster closed the Zoning Public Hearing at approximately 6:54 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

7. Public Comments

Ms. Patricia Hurt thanked the board for their service and thanked Commissioners Brown and Sharp for attending to a recent American Legion meeting and discussing Jimmy Davis Park. She reminded the board that they are still seeking restoration of Jimmy Davis Park.

Mr. J.D. Jones commented that it is time for a change in heart towards Jimmy Davis Park and that Commissioners Brown and Sharp had seen the conditions firsthand. He asked for this to be on an agenda to move forward.

Ms. Karen Henry Garrett congratulated Commissioner Sharp for winning the election and thanked Commissioners Brown and Sharp for attending a recent American Legion meeting. She asked to get the Jimmy Davis Park project back on track and on an agenda to get something done.

Commissioner Brown took a moment of personal privilege and thanked Ms. Hurt for the nice comments she said about him in a recent edition of the newspaper.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - November 4, 2022 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of 2022 and 2023 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

(Copies of alcohol licenses made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

9. Request by Magistrate Judge Dorothy Adams to change Local Legislation regarding the number of Magistrate Judges

Chairman Webster reviewed the request. No motion was made; therefore, the request dies for lack of a motion.

Reports/Announcements

10. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that the audit started today, and he is expecting another good report.

11. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Fleming requested an Executive Session for a real estate matter.

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12. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Brown: commented on the new fiber internet that Tri-County EMC is running throughout Putnam County. He advised Georgia Power customers that they should contact Tri-County EMC if interested in the service because once Tri-County gets their customers done, they will work with Georgia Power to add others.

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: thanked the Public Works Department for their work at the convenience centers; older people no longer need to struggle thanks to the buried bins, and they seem cleaner too. He further commented that the road crews have done great fixing roads and they work fast on requests.

Chairman Webster: none

Executive Session

13. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

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

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Meeting closed at approximately 7:10 p.m.

14. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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

Meeting reopened at approximately 8:35 p.m.

15. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session
No final action taken.

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Closing

16. 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 8:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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