

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Work Session

Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 ♦ 3:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Work Session on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at approximately 3:00 PM 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 (arrived late)
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
County Manager Paul Van Haute
Planning and Development Director Lisa Jackson
Planning and Development Assistant Director Courtney Andrews
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the Work Session to order at approximately 3:03 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance (JW)

Commissioner Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Development Processes in Putnam County

Chairman Sharp invited County Attorney Adam Nelson, Planning and Development Director Lisa Jackson, and Planning and Development Assistant Director Courtney Andrews to begin the discussion.

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County Attorney Nelson summarized the first development work session and explained that today will be similar with conversations regarding drafting ordinances to improve planning and development processes. County Attorney Nelson assured that there will be more opportunities for both commissioner and public input before the ordinances come to the board for approval.

Commissioner Hersey arrived at approximately 3:08 p.m.

County Attorney Nelson, Planning and Development Director Jackson and Assistant Director Andrews, and the commissioners discussed several development issues including: the proposed C-C Commercial Crossroads District; changes to Chapter 53 - Energy Creation, Energy Storage, and Digital Infrastructure; changes to Sec. 66-165 – Action on rezoning application or text amendment; PUD requirements for setbacks and density; expiration for preliminary plats; allowances for build-to-rent projects; and changes to Sec. 28-66 – Required Improvements.

Chairman Sharp commented that there will be a third Work Session scheduled for further discussion.

County Attorney Nelson advised that he will be waiting for changes and direction from the board regarding which ordinances to move forward with.

No action taken.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

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

Work Session adjourned at approximately 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mercy Fluker
Deputy County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

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