

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Billy Webster
Commissioner Kelvin Irvin
Commissioner Daniel Brown
Commissioner Bill Sharp

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson
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 Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

3. Invocation

Rev. Marion Clark gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Commissioner Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zoning Public Hearing

Chairman Webster opened the Zoning Public Hearing at approximately 6:33 p.m.

5. Request by Danny Copelan to rezone 5.00 acres at 931 Pea Ridge Road from AG-2 to C-1 [Map 092, Parcel 017001001, District 2] (staff-P&D)

Danny Copelan spoke in support of this request. The following individuals spoke against this item: Scott Martin, Peggy Fuller, Jon King, Heidi King.

Staff recommendation was for approval to rezone 5.00 acres at 931 Pea Ridge Road [Map 092, Parcel 017001001, District 2] from AG-2 to C-1 with the following condition: (1) The developer shall construct a deceleration lane in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control to service the entrance on Pea Ridge Road of the development. Additional right-of-way to accommodate the deceleration lane and a ten-foot shoulder shall be dedicated by the developer to the county.

Motion to approve the request by Danny Copelan to rezone 5.00 acres at 931 Pea Ridge Road from AG-2 to C-1 [Map 092, Parcel 017001001] with the following condition: (1) The developer shall construct a deceleration lane in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control to service the entrance on Pea Ridge Road of the development. Additional right-of-way to accommodate the deceleration lane and a ten-foot shoulder shall be dedicated by the developer to the county.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Sharp

Voting Nay: Chairman Webster, Commissioner Brown

Motion denied (Code of Ordinances-Sec. 2-33.-Voting majority. Passage of a motion shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of commissioners then in office.)

6. Request by Mark Smith to rezone 0.46 acres at 147 Collis Marina Road from RM-2 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 012, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Attorney Jay Dell spoke in support of this request on behalf of Mark Smith. The following spoke against this item: Attorney Bill Berryman, John Culpepper, Gerald Wright, Darlyne Wright, Ron Carter, Pete Wardlaw, Jeremy Hobbs.

Staff recommendation was for approval of the proposed rezoning at 147 Collis Marina Road [Map 104B, Parcel 012, District 3] from RM-2 to RM-2, subject to the following conditions: (1) This parcel must be combined with the adjacent parcel: Map 104B, Parcel 011, and cannot be used or sold as standalone parcels, (2) A 15-foot wide landscape buffer shall be established adjacent to all single-family residential zoned property, (3) Must improve any existing easement that services Map 104B Parcel 013 & Map 104B Parcel 014 with at least a 20-foot paved bed, (4) Vehicles shall not be parked on the easement at any time, (5) This rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plats, as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the request by Mark Smith to rezone 0.46 acres at 147 Collis Marina Road from RM-2 to RM-2 [Map 104B, Parcel 012] with the following conditions: (1) This parcel must be combined with the adjacent parcel: Map 104B, Parcel 011, and cannot be

used or sold as standalone parcels, (2) A 15-foot wide landscape buffer shall be established adjacent to all single-family residential zoned property, (3) Must improve any existing easement that services Map 104B Parcel 013 & Map 104B Parcel 014 with at least a 20-foot paved bed, (4) Vehicles shall not be parked on the easement at any time, (5) This rezoning shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and the recordation of the plats, as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Sharp

Voting Nay: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown

7. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Farmers and Merchants Bank, to rezone 171.23 acres on Scott Road from R-1 to C-3 [Map 102, Parcel 002, District 3] (staff-P&D)
Rick McAllister and Howard McMicael spoke in support of this request. The following spoke against this item: Beth Colie, Don Hill.

Staff recommendation was for approval of the proposed to rezone 171.23 acres on Scott Road from R-1 to C-3. [Map 102, Parcel 002, District 3] with the following conditions: (1) The developer shall construct a deceleration lane and turn lane in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control to service the main entrance on Scott Road to the residential portion of the development. Additional right-of-way to accommodate the deceleration lane and a ten-foot shoulder shall be dedicated by the developer to the county. It shall be completed by the developer prior to the completion of phase one, and (2) The developer shall direct construction traffic through the entrance located at Sammons Parkway or the current ingress and egress point servicing the Putnam County Convenience Center, located approximately 672 feet from the intersection of Scott Road and Harmony Road. Subject to this condition, the Planning & Development Director may authorize, in writing, construction traffic along Scott Road on an as necessary basis. The intention of this condition is to minimize construction traffic along Scott Road.

Motion to approve the request by Rick McAllister, agent for Farmers and Merchants Bank, to rezone 171.23 acres on Scott Road from R-1 to C-3 [Map 102, Parcel 002] with the following conditions: (1) The developer shall construct a deceleration lane and turn lane in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation Regulations for Driveway & Encroachment Control to service the main entrance on Scott Road to the residential portion of the development. Additional right-of-way to accommodate the deceleration lane and a ten-foot shoulder shall be dedicated by the developer to the county. It shall be completed by the developer prior to the completion of phase one, and (2) The developer shall direct construction traffic through the entrance located at Sammons Parkway or the current ingress and egress point servicing the Putnam County Convenience Center, located approximately 672 feet from the intersection of Scott Road and Harmony Road. Subject to this condition, the Planning & Development Director may authorize, in writing, construction traffic along Scott Road on an as necessary basis. The intention of this condition is to minimize construction traffic along Scott Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

8. Request by Putnam County Board of Commissioners to rezone .60 acres at 149 Collis Marina Road from RM-2 to R-1 [Map 104B, Parcel 013, District 3] (staff-P&D)
John Culpepper, Gerald Wright, and Ron Carter spoke in support of this request. No one spoke against this item.

Staff recommendation was for approval to rezone .60 acres at 149 Collis Marina Road [Map 104B, Parcel 013, District 3] from RM-2 to R-1.

Motion to approve the request by Putnam County Board of Commissioners to rezone .60 acres at 149 Collis Marina Road from RM-2 to R-1 [Map 104B, Parcel 013].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

9. Request by Putnam County Board of Commissioners to rezone .54 acres at 151 Collis Marina Road from RM-2 to R-1 [Map 104B, Parcel 014, District 3] (staff-P&D)
Pete Wardlaw spoke in support of this request. No one spoke against this item.

Staff recommendation was for approval to rezone .54 acres at 151 Collis Marina Road [Map 104B, Parcel 014, District 3] from RM-2 to R-1.

Motion to approve the request by Putnam County Board of Commissioners to rezone .54 acres at 151 Collis Marina Road from RM-2 to R-1 [Map 104B, Parcel 014].

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

The Zoning Public Hearing closed at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Meeting recessed at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing

10. Presentation of Proposed FY21 Budget (staff-CM & Finance)

County Manager Van Haute gave a PowerPoint presentation on the budget and mill rate. (Copy of presentation made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

11. Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Board members thanked staff and all employees for all their hard work.

12. Comments from the Public

None

Regular Business Meeting

13. Public Comments

None

14. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes - August 7, 2020 Public Hearings & Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- b. Approval of Minutes - August 7, 2020 Executive Session (staff-CC)
- c. Approval of Minutes - August 7, 2020 Budget Work Session (staff-CC)
- d. Authorization for Chairman to sign ACCG IRMA Safety Discount Verification Form (staff-HR)
- e. Authorization for Chairman to sign ACCG GSWCF Safety Discount Verification Form (staff-HR)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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15. Authorization for Chairman to sign Final Subdivision Plat for Eagles Rest Cottages (staff-P&D)

Rick McAllister spoke in support of this request. He specifically thanked Lisa Jackson and the Planning & Development Department and Anthony Frazier from Public Works for being so great to work with.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Final Subdivision Plat for Eagles Rest Cottages.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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16. Approval of Certification of Road Abandonment of a portion of Little-Minton Road (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the Certification of Road Abandonment of a portion of Little-Minton Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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17. Authorization for staff to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning) (staff-CA)
County Attorney Nelson reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 66.

Motion to authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances - Chapter 66 (Zoning).

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Irvin.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

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Reports/Announcements

18. County Manager Report
No report.

19. County Attorney Report
No report.

20. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioner Irvin: none

Commissioner Brown: urged everyone to fill out their census

Commissioner Sharp: urged everyone to fill out their census

Chairman Webster: urged everyone to fill out their census and advised that September 30, 2020 is the last day.

Closing

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Irvin, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Sharp

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman