

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 ♦ 6:30 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 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 6:32 p.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 David Wofford, Eatonton First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (staff)

County Manager Van Haute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Zoning Public Hearing

5. Request by Rick McAllister, agent for Featherfield LLC, for conditional use on Old Phoenix Road [Map 104, Parcel 002, District 3] (staff-P&D)

Mr. Rick McAllister spoke in support of the request and explained the project. The event center portion of the project needs a conditional use permit. Mrs. Louise Murphy and Mr. Rob Murphy signed up to speak but passed. No one signed in to speak against this item.

Planning and Development staff recommendation was for approval of the proposed conditional use located on Old Phoenix Road, and identified as Map 104, Part of Parcel 002 with the following conditions:

1. This conditional use approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 60 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.
2. A 25-foot undisturbed vegetated buffer must be established along Wards Chapel Road and along the property lines that abut Map 104, Parcel 001 and Map 104, Parcel 024.
3. The uses allowed under the conditional use shall be limited to those that conform with a barn style (event venue), open air chapel, parking, a residential dwelling and any other use or accessory use allowed within AG-1.
4. Hours of operation shall not exceed 11:00pm Monday-Thursday and 1:00am on the weekends.
5. Owners shall present a parking plan, prepared by a design professional which shall be approved by the Planning Director and executed prior to the issuance of a business registration.

Motion to approve the request by Rick McAllister, agent for Featherfield LLC, for conditional use on Old Phoenix Road [Map 104, Parcel 002] subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This conditional use approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 60 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.**
- 2. A 25-foot undisturbed vegetated buffer must be established along Wards Chapel Road and along the property lines that abut Map 104, Parcel 001 and Map 104, Parcel 024.**
- 3. The uses allowed under the conditional use shall be limited to those that conform with a barn style (event venue), open air chapel, parking, a residential dwelling and any other use or accessory use allowed within AG-1.**
- 4. Hours of operation shall not exceed 11:00pm Monday-Thursday and 1:00am on the weekends.**
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registration.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

Regular Business Meeting

6. Public Comments

Mr. Adam Schulze commented on a farm pond he is trying to build on his property.

Mr. Duane Gentes commented against the farm pond that Mr. Schulze is trying to build.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - October 1, 2021 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

b. Approval of Minutes - October 1, 2021 Work Session (staff-CC)

c. Approval of Minutes - October 12, 2021 Joint Called Meeting (staff-CC)

d. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Actual Cost Utility Agreement (staff-CM)

e. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT Title VI Plan Update for Putnam County Transit (staff-Tran)

f. Authorization for Chairman to sign GDOT 5311 Grant Application for Putnam County Transit (staff-Tran)

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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8. Authorization for Chairman to sign Letter of Support for Goodwill of Middle Georgia's American Rescue Plan Act Grant Application (staff-CM)

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Support for Goodwill of Middle Georgia's American Rescue Plan Act Grant Application.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Sharp.

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

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9. Authorization for Chairman to sign Intergovernmental Agreement with the Hospital Authority (staff-CM & Fin)

County Manager Van Haute explained that this is an Intergovernmental Agreement between Putnam County and Putnam General Hospital Authority to outline the county's allocation of money to the Hospital for premium pay and other eligible expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Hospital Authority.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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10. Approval of Changes to the Putnam County Financial Policy (BW and staff-Fin)

Chairman Webster reviewed the proposed changes.

Motion to approve the changes to the Putnam County Financial Policy as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

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11. Discussion and possible action concerning Electric Vehicle Charging Station (BW)

Chairman Webster explained that this is to apply for State ARPA funding to allow us to install two electric charging stations in the Administration Building parking lot. He has prepared the grant application and researched the costs associated with the project. The board will need to decide whether to apply and how much, if any, matching money to include.

Motion to submit the application to the State with a 50% match (\$40,000.00)

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

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

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Reports/Announcements

12. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported the following:

- He and Finance Director Cook met with representatives from Waste Management and trash costs will be increasing by \$500,000.00 per year. Waste Management will be here at the next meeting to make a presentation and the board will need to take action to sign new contract with possible changes to the current program.
- He also has documents available on the history of the farm pond discussed during public comments.

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13. County Attorney Report
No report.

14. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner McElhenney: visited the new convenience center on Sammons Parkway and was very impressed; thanked the Public Works Department and County Manager for the good job.

Commissioner Brown: none

Commissioner Sharp: none

Commissioner Wooten: thanked the Fire Department & EMS for their good work on a terrible wreck in south Putnam and said he was proud of the way they took care of business.

Chairman Webster: advised that following the October 12th joint meeting with the city, County Manager Van Haute sent an email to the Mayor and City Administrator letting them know who was on our committee and asking if they could meet Monday, October 18th at 6pm. A response was received on Friday, October 15th saying they were unable to meet on October 18th and wouldn't be able to meet for 2-3 weeks. He also advised that SWA is working on an application for State ARPA money in the amount of \$600,000.00 and would like matching money from Baldwin & Putnam Counties. He called a meeting for Monday, October 25th at 1pm for discussion and possible action on this request.

Closing

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Billy Webster
Chairman

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