

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

## **Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025 ♦ 6:00 PM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

### **Opening**

1. Welcome - Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Invocation - County Attorney Adam Nelson
4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

### **Regular Business Meeting**

5. Public Comments
6. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2025 Regular Business Meeting (staff-CC)
7. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Request by Tri-CoGo for work in the Possum Point Dr. Subdivision (staff-PW)
8. Approval of beginning the process of Road Abandonment for Wooten Road and Joe Wooten Road (JW)
9. Declaration of Road Abandonment of a segment of Napier Mill Road and authorization for Chairman to sign required documents (staff-CC)
10. Authorization for Chairman to sign Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from SPLOST 10 (staff-CM)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the Live Streaming of all Commission meetings (SH)
12. Discussion and possible action on changing the Chairperson of the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council (RG)

### **Reports/Announcements**

13. County Manager Report
14. County Attorney Report
15. Commissioner Announcements

### **Executive Session**

16. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate
17. Reopen meeting following Executive Session
18. Authorize Chairman to sign Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting
19. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

### **Closing**

20. Adjournment

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to continue the meeting to another time and place in the event the number of people in attendance at the meeting, including the Board of Commissioners, staff, and members of the public exceeds the legal limits. The meeting cannot be closed to the public except by a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting. The board can vote to go into an executive session on a legally exempt matter during a public meeting even if not advertised or listed on the agenda. Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Compliance Officer, at least three business days in advance of the meeting at 706-485-2776 to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

**File Attachments for Item:**

## 6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2025 Regular Business Meeting (staff-CC)

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

**Minutes**

**Friday, June 6, 2025 ♦ 10:00 AM**

*Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203*

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, June 6, 2025 at approximately 10:00 AM 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  
Commissioner Jeff Wooten

***STAFF PRESENT***

County Attorney Adam Nelson  
County Manager Paul Van Haute  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth  
Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

**Opening**

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.  
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2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Sharp advised that the Putnam Development Authority requested to delay item #11 due to the absence of their chairman and attorney.

**Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item #11.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.**

**Substitute motion to table item #11 indefinitely.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

**Motion to rescind Commissioner Hersey’s substitute motion to table item #11 indefinitely.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

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**Voting yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten.**  
**Substitute motion rescinded.**

**Vote on original motion:**  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten**

3. Invocation  
Pastor Craig Williamson, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)  
Reece Miller, daughter of Public Information Officer Stephanie McMullen, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Special Presentation - Retirement Proclamation - Allen Carlton McMichael  
The commissioners presented a proclamation and gift card to Sergeant McMichael congratulating him on his retirement.

**Regular Business Meeting**

6. Public Comments  
Mr. John Fox, President of Sugar Creek Farms POA, requested repaving on Sugar Creek Trail which is approximately 1.1 miles long.  
Ms. Jennifer Ray displayed photos and commented on a broken mirror that needs replacing and causing little visibility on the hill.  
Mr. Billy Webster commented on behalf of Ione Foster, who lives on the lake where Wards Chapel meets Old Phoenix, having issues with her right-of-way and landscaping.  
Mr. Bill Vargo signed up to speak but passed on comments.
7. Consent agenda
- a. Approval of Minutes - May 20, 2025 Regular Business Meeting (staff-CC)
  - b. Approval of Minutes - May 20, 2025 Executive Session (staff-CC)
  - c. Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2025 Called Meeting (staff-CC)
  - d. Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2025 Executive Session (staff-CC)
  - e. Approval of 2025 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)
  - f. Authorization for Chairman to sign ACCG - Group Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund Employee Safety Grant Application (staff-HR)

**Motion to approve the consent agenda.**  
**Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.**  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten**

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#### 8. Paving Update Report (staff-CM)

County Manager Van Haute provided the Paving Update Report. May was a rainy month and has delayed current projects; the June list has been posted on the website and social media. The current projects were approved in 2021. TSPLOST #3 projects will be discussed next year, and LMIG 2025 was just approved with those roads being in the engineering stage. County Manager Van Haute advised that the paving process is long and provided updates on several roads including Harmony Road, Sunfish Trail, Julep Drive, Parks Mill Road, Mahaffey Drive, Wards Chapel Road, and Collis Road. No action was taken.

#### 9. Report from Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council

Ms. Karen Henry-Garrett commented on the improvements and longer hours at Jimmy Davis Park and requested more conversations with the community to provide ideas.

Ms. Janie Reid presented the report from the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council. No action was taken.

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#### 10. Discussion and possible action on nominations for two additional members of the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council (RG)

Ms. Annette Bullard commented on Commissioner Garrett's efforts and requested that taxpayers be allowed to speak at meetings.

Commissioner Garrett began the discussion on this item, explaining that he is proud of the council and their helpful input to the park's revival. He agrees they want to allow public comments as a formal part of their proceedings, and wants youth to be a part of the council.

**Motion to approve the appointment of two additional members to the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council, Kilee Reid and Brandon Riley.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

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

#### 11. Authorization for Chairman to sign Acknowledgement of Memorandum of Understanding between the Putnam Development Authority and Harmony Road GA, LLC (BS)

Item #11 was removed from the agenda.

#### 12. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Request by Bellsouth/AT&T for work on Parks Mill Drive, Hickory Point Drive, and Cedar Cove Drive (staff-PW)

Public Works Office Manager Rindi Daniel explained the request and answered questions.

**Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Permit Request by Bellsouth/AT&T for work on Parks Mill Drive, Hickory Point Drive, and Cedar Cove Drive.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.**

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

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Meeting recessed at approximately 11:13 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at approximately 11:18 a.m.

13. Approval of Vehicles Proposed for Surplus (staff-Fire)  
Assistant Chief McElhannon explained the request to surplus three vehicles due to age.

**Motion to approve the Fire Department vehicles proposed for surplus.**  
**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.**  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten**  
(Copy of surplus list made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

14. Submission of Names for Appointment to the Hospital Authority-Post 5 (staff-CC)  
**Motion to submit the following names for appointment to the Hospital Authority-Post 5: Phillip Ethridge, Rachel Deraney Harvey, Kevin Thomson-Hooper, and Bruce Micheal Faulk.**  
**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.**  
**Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten**

15. Appointment to the Putnam Development Authority (staff-CC)  
Ms. Barbara Vargo commented on the need for change on the boards and spoke in favor of applicant William Vargo.

Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett, nominated William Vargo for appointment to the Putnam Development Authority.

Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten, nominated Patricia Burns to the Putnam Development Authority.

**Chairman Sharp called for the vote. Commissioner McElhenney voted for Patricia Burns. Commissioner Garrett voted for William Vargo. Commissioner Hersey voted for William Vargo. Commissioner Wooten voted for Patricia Burns. Due to the tied vote, Chairman Sharp voted for Patricia Burns.**

16. Discussion and possible action regarding conditions applied to rezoning approvals (SH)

Mr. Jerry Donovan lives in Thunder Valley and commented on the previous vote to not address updating rezoning conditions and an appeal by the TVOA of the approval of the commercial development plat; provided a handout of his comments.

Mr. Brandon Burgess, the owner of the property for the commercial development, commented on the zoning and the processes he has followed in developing this project.

**Motion to direct staff to compile a list of all rezoning approvals including any conditions attached, to attach said list to the official zoning maps, and to complete this task on or before July 1, 2026.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.**

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

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17. Discussion and possible action regarding a reduction in school taxes (SH)

Ms. Jennifer Ray commented on the attempts to use fair market value instead of the assessed value in figuring senior exemptions.

Ms. Barbara Vargo commented on the law and how tax reductions need to be handled.

Commissioner Hersey began the discussion and reviewed House Bill 1413, explaining that Chief Tax Assessor Chuck Anglin is not using assessed value but fair market value. He advised that assessed value is 40% of fair market value.

Mr. Anglin explained that the Board of Assessors was instructed by school board to use fair market value for calculating senior exemptions. He advised that the Board of Assessors has a meeting on Monday, June 9, at 3:00 p.m., where the exemption calculation for seniors will be decided. Mr. Anglin assured the Board of Commissioners that the Board of Assessors will follow the law.

**Motion that within fifteen (15) days the County Attorney shall file in a court of competent jurisdiction for MANDAMUS in regard to House Bill 1413 unless the Putnam County Board of Assessors agrees to use the Assessed Value rather than the Fair Market Value as applied to the tax exemption provided in House Bill 1413.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.**

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

### **Reports/Announcements**

18. County Manager Report

No report.

19. County Attorney Report

No report.

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20. Commissioner Announcements  
Commissioner McElhenney: none.

Commissioner Garrett: reminded everyone of the new summer hours at Jimmy Davis Park.

Commissioner Hersey: reminded everyone that the Dairy Festival is tomorrow.

Commissioner Wooten: thanked Public Works for removing trees after storms; reminded everyone of board vacancies and urged people to volunteer.

Chairman Sharp: reminded everyone that the board vacancies are posted and invited everyone to come to Dairy Festival to support the dairy industry and our farmers.

**Closing**

21. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.**

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp  
Chairman



**File Attachments for Item:**

7. Approval of Right-of-Way Permit Request by Tri-CoGo for work in the Possum Point Dr. Subdivision (staff-PW)

# Right-of-Way Permit

## Putnam County Public Works Department

115 S. Forrest Street

Eatonton, Georgia 31024

706-485-8817

**Permit Number: 20250211**



**Job Location:** Possum Point Dr Subdivision

**City, State, Zip:** ,

**APN:**

**Right of Way:** 0

**Permit Type:** Right of Way Permit

**Permit #:** 20250211

**Date Issued:**

**Job Description:** Project Overview Installation of 29,000 ft run of 2" conduit, buried 24–30 inches deep, for a mainline fiber deployment. The work will be concentrated in a residential community and involve both mainline infrastructure and service drop accommodations. Roads that work will performed are: Possum Point Dr- Bobcat Trail- Turtle Court- Whipporwill Ct.- Possum Pt. Cir.- Fawn Ct- Robin Ct- Bourbon Pt- Buckhorn Cir- Buck Ridge Rd- Fox Hollow Run. Conduit Installation Details Total Length: 29,000 feet (approx. 5.5 miles) Depth: 24–30 inches underground Location: Right side of all roads within the community Conduit Size: 2-inch Trenching: stich boring Mainline Placement: Continues throughout every street within the neighborhood on the right side Vault and Flowerpot Installation Main Surface Vault: Type: 24" x 36" Surface Mounted Vault Location: Corner of Possum Point Dr and Possum Point Cir Access Vaults (Splice/Service Points): Quantity: 81 units Size: 16" x 20" Spacing: Strategically placed along the conduit path Flowerpots (Customer Drops): Quantity: 94 round flowerpots Purpose: Access points for customer premise fiber drops

**Applicant Name:** Tri-Cogo

**Address:** 310 W Clinton St

**City, State, Zip:** Gray

**Phone:** 4782589320

**Email:** kevinb@tri-cogo.com

**Owner:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip:** ,

**Phone:**

**Email:**

Fee	Amount	Payment Date	Amount
Right-Of-Way Permit	\$55.00	06/04/2025	\$55.00
<b>Total Fee: \$55.00</b>		<b>Total Paid: \$55.00</b>	

Putnam County hereby grants this permit to use the county right-of-way along the above-named road for the above stated purpose.

Permittee agrees to abide by all of the rules and regulations of Putnam County during construction and at all times thereafter.

Permittee shall be responsible for placing the right-of-way in like condition as they found it.

Putnam County may cancel this permit at any time for any reason or no reason and shall not be liable for any damages or costs which shall incur.

This permit does not grant any right, title, or interest in the county right-of-way.

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County Official

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Date





DATE	06/04/2025
SCALE	NO SCALE
DRAWN	Rudy Douglas
REVISION	1

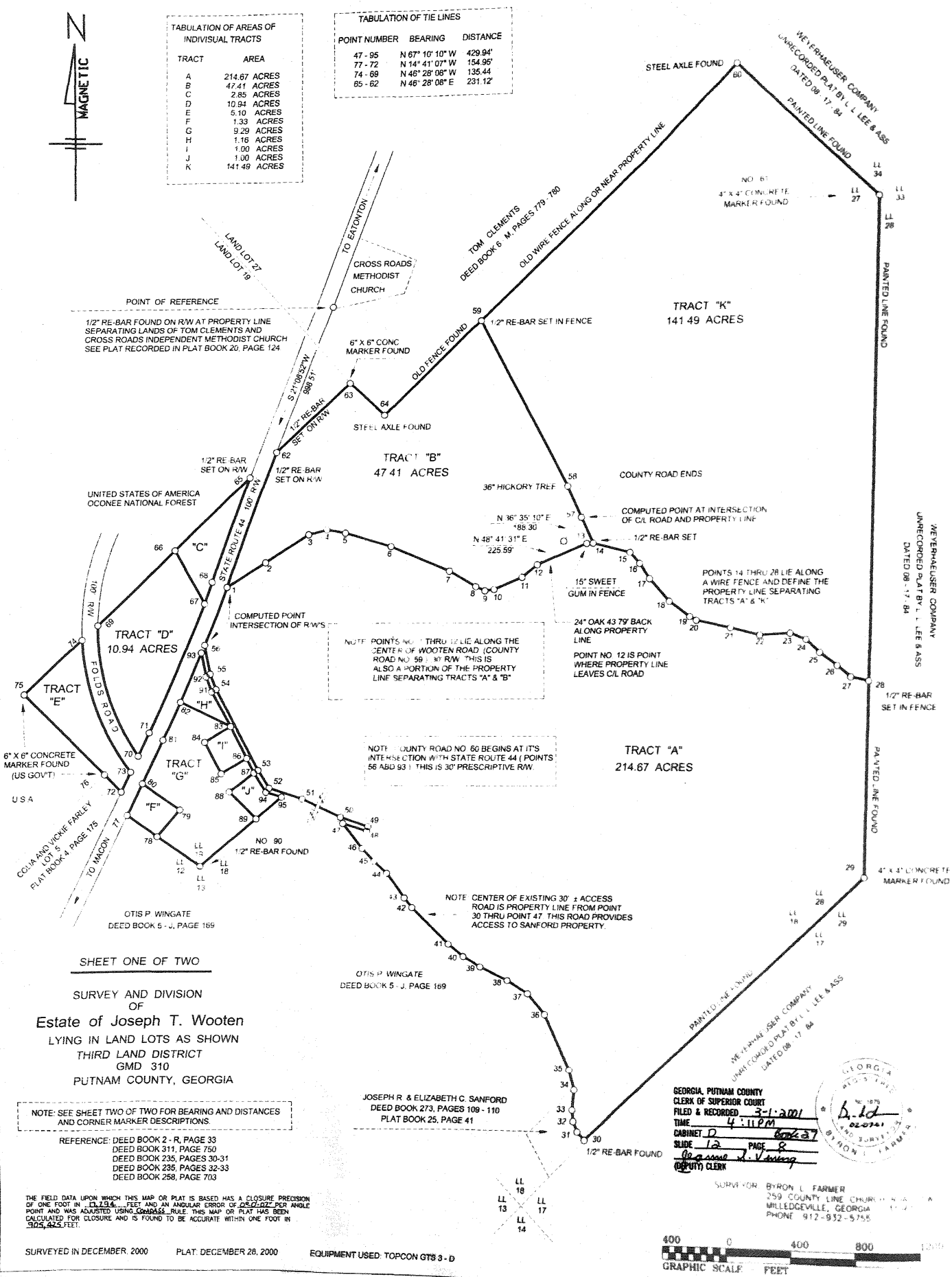
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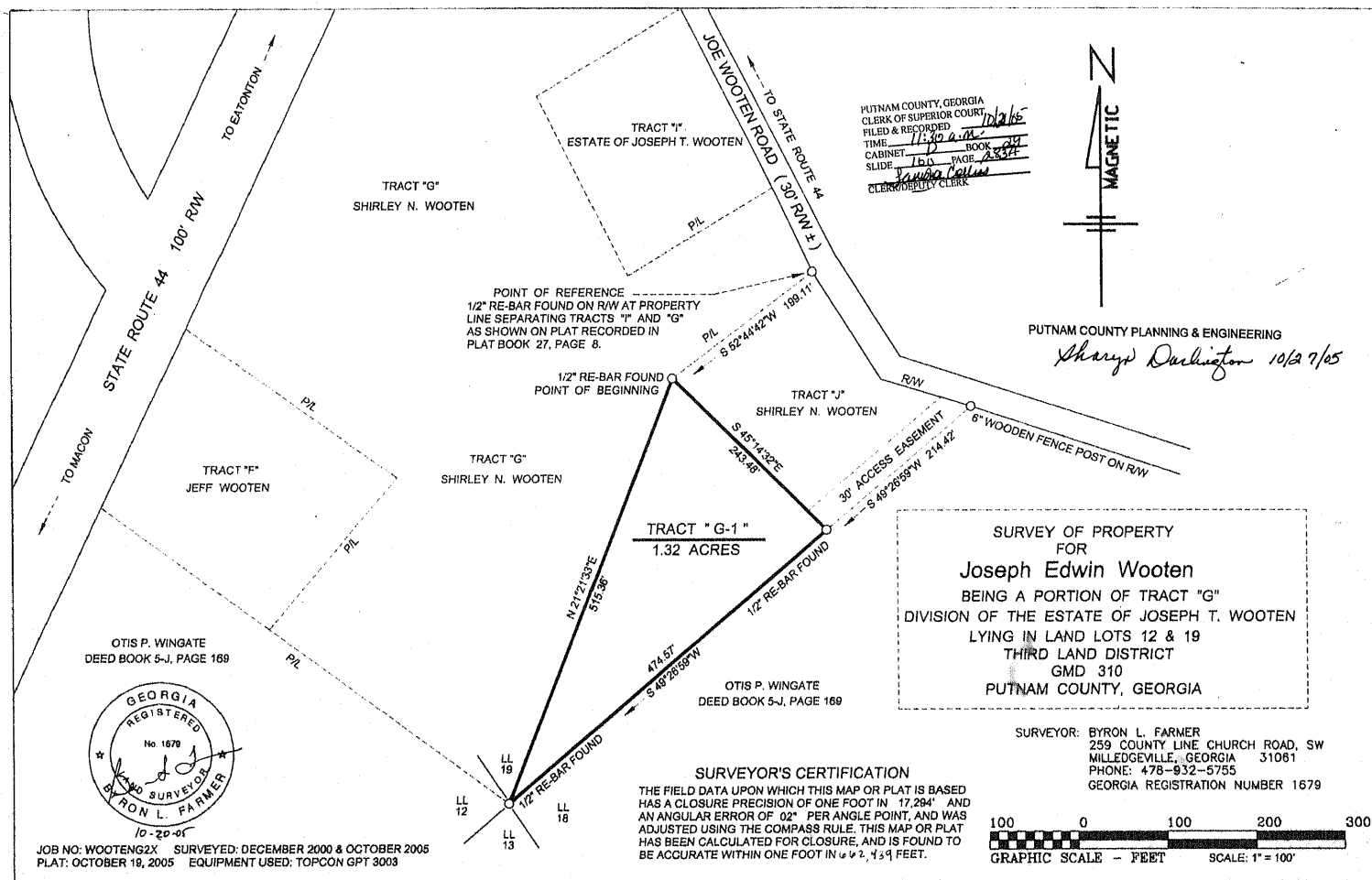


There are 29 additional pages of ariel view drawings for the Possum Point Drive project. They are available for review in the County Clerk's office and will be available at the meeting. They were too big digitally to include in the meeting packet.

**File Attachments for Item:**

8. Approval of beginning the process of Road Abandonment for Wooten Road and Joe Wooten Road (JW)





**File Attachments for Item:**

9. Declaration of Road Abandonment of a segment of Napier Mill Road and authorization for Chairman to sign required documents (staff-CC)



**PLEASE RECORD & RETURN TO:**  
**LYNN BUTTERWORTH**  
**PUTNAM COUNTY CLERK**  
**117 PUTNAM DRIVE, SUITE A**  
**EATONTON, GA 31024**

STATE OF GEORGIA                     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM               )

**AFFIDAVIT OF ABANDONMENT**

RE: A Segment of Napier Mill Road

The undersigned Deponent, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. That he is the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County and has the authority, pursuant to Georgia law, to execute documents on behalf of Putnam County, Georgia.
2. That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2, a public hearing, having being properly noticed, was held on December 6, 2024 to consider the abandonment of a segment of Napier Mill Road.
3. That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2, on January 3, 2025 the Putnam County Board of Commissioners determined the segment of Napier Mill Road described on “Exhibit A” attached hereto had ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it.
4. That the portion of the road or roads herein described have been abandoned by resolution of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners and shall no longer be part of the county road system and the rights of the public in and to the portion of the roads as public roads have ceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 .

**B. W. "Bill" Sharp, Deponent  
Chairman, Putnam County  
Board of Commissioners**

Notary Public

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250624**

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND CERTIFY ABANDONED A PORTION OF NAPIER MILL ROAD; TO AUTHORIZE RECORDATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND ACCOMPANYING EXHIBIT(S) IN THE COUNTY MINUTES; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE DOCUMENTS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE DELETION OF SAID PROPERTY FROM ANY OFFICIAL RECORDS REFLECTING THE CURRENT COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM; TO REPEAL INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County (the "County") is vested with the power and responsibility under state law to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, to promote economic development, provide for the transportation needs of the public, and ensure that natural areas be maintained in a manner designed to maintain a desirable community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has maintained as part of the County road system a portion of right of way known as Napier Mill Road, said right of way being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined that no substantial public purpose would be served by maintaining the Property as public right-of-way and it is in the public interest to relieve the County from the charge of maintaining this portion of roadway which is no longer useful, convenient or necessary for public travel, and its removal from the County road system is otherwise in the best public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, abandoning this portion of roadway does not isolate or leave landlocked any property owner; and

**WHEREAS**, the County notified all adjacent landowners of the County's intent to abandon the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of Commissioners have held a hearing regarding the abandonment of the Property at a regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the County determined that the Property was not located in an Urban Redevelopment Area as that term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 36-61-10; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, in the exercise of their sound judgment and discretion, after giving thorough consideration to all the implications involved, and keeping in mind the public interest and welfare of the citizens of the County, have determined that abandoning the Property would be advantageous to and would best benefit the citizens of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County now wishes to declare the Property abandoned; to direct the County Clerk to record this Resolution and accompanying exhibit(s) in the County's minutes; to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the disposal of the Property in accordance with

O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4; and to authorize the County Clerk to remove all references to the Property from any County records reflecting the County's road system.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

1. **No Public Purpose Certification.** The Putnam County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the preamble as if fully set forth herein and hereby certifies that no substantial public purpose will be served by maintaining the Property as public right-of-way. It is in the public interest to relieve the County from the charge of maintaining this portion of roadway which is no longer useful, convenient or necessary for public travel, and its removal from the County road system is otherwise in the best public interest. Furthermore, abandoning this portion of roadway does not isolate or leave landlocked any property owner.

2. **Declaration That Property Is Abandoned.** The County hereby declares the Property to be formally abandoned. The rights of the public in and to the Property as a public road shall cease immediately.

3. **Disposal of Abandoned Property.** The County Attorney is authorized to arrange for the disposal of the Property in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4 with final disposal subject to the approval of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners.

4. **Recordation.** The County Clerk is hereby directed to record this Resolution, declaration, certification, and accompanying exhibit(s), including a plat or sketch of the Property, in the official minutes of the County.

5. **Deletion From County Records.** The County Clerk is hereby authorized to delete all references to the Property as County property from County records reflecting the current County road system.

6. **Severability.** To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or nonbinding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

7. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** All County resolutions are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution.

8. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

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B. W. “Bill” Sharp  
Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

(seal)

**File Attachments for Item:**

10. Authorization for Chairman to sign Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from SPLOST 10 (staff-CM)

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
PROCEEDS FROM SPLOST**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, by and between PUTNAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (the “County”), and the CITY OF EATONTON, GEORGIA, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia (the “City”).

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 *et seq.* (the “Act”), authorizes the levy of a one percent County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (the “SPLOST”) for the purpose of financing capital outlay projects for the use and benefit of the County and qualified municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County and City met to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the SPLOST referendum on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 in conformance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 (a); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City have negotiated a division of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds as authorized by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and understandings made in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the County and the Municipalities consent and agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution and shall continue in effect until the rejection by the electors of the County of the imposition of the SPLOST at the November 4, 2025 election or the termination of the proposed SPLOST, whichever occurs first. The SPLOST, subject to approval by the electors of the County, shall continue for a period of six years (24 quarters) with collections beginning on April 1, 2026.

**ARTICLE 2.**

**RATE OF TAX & TERM**

The City and County agree the rate of the tax shall be 1 percent and shall be levied for 6 years.

### **ARTICLE 3.**

#### **SPLOST PROJECTS**

- (a) The parties agree Exhibit A to this Agreement represents the list of projects proposed to be funded by the SPLOST.
- (b) The parties agree Exhibit A provides and includes the estimated or projected dollar amounts allocated for each transportation purpose from the SPLOST.
- (c) The parties agree the order in which the projects and purposes listed in Exhibit A shall represent the priority or order in which those projects and purposes will be fully or partially funded.

### **ARTICLE 4.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TAX PROCEEDS**

- (a) The proceeds raised by implementation of the SPLOST shall be distributed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-8-115(b) as follows:
  - i. One percent of the amount collected shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-8-115(a)(1);
  - ii. The parties agree that the County shall receive proceeds in the estimated amount of nine million one hundred thirty seven thousand five hundred forty one dollars and 20 cents (\$9,137,541.20) for the construction of a Level I County-Wide Project (the "Level I Project") consisting of Jail Renovation. The parties further agree the Level I Project shall be fully funded, based on the actual cost of construction, prior to the calculation of distributions to the City and County for all other projects funded pursuant to this Agreement.
  - iii. The remaining balance to be distributed between the parties as follows: 69% to the County, 31% to the City.
- (b) Upon receipt by the County of SPLOST proceeds collected by the State Department of Revenue, the County shall immediately deposit said proceeds in the SPLOST Fund. The monies in the SPLOST Fund shall be held and applied to the cost of acquiring, constructing and installing the County capital outlay projects listed in Exhibit A.
- (c) The County, following deposit of the SPLOST proceeds in the SPLOST Fund, shall within 10 business days disburse the SPLOST proceeds due to the City according to the schedule in Exhibit A. The proceeds shall be deposited in the separate funds established by the City. Such distribution shall be proportionate to the total revenue to be distributed between the parties.
- (d) The parties agree that each approved SPLOST project associated with this

Agreement shall be completed or substantially completed within five years of the termination of the SPLOST. Any SPLOST proceeds held by the County or City at the end of the five year period shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be disposed of as provided under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121(g)(2).

(e) Should the City cease to exist as a legal entity before all funds are distributed under this Agreement, that City's share of the funds subsequent to dissolution shall be paid to the County as part of the County's share unless an act of the Georgia General Assembly makes the defunct City part of another successor municipality. If such an act is passed, the defunct City's share shall be paid to the successor municipality in addition to all other funds to which the successor municipality would otherwise be entitled.

(f) The parties agree that any proceeds from the SPLOST received by the parties shall be maintained in separate accounts and utilized exclusively for the purposes specified in this Agreement.

(g) The County shall administer the SPLOST Fund to effectuate the terms of this Agreement and shall be reimbursed for the actual costs of administration of the SPLOST Fund.

(h) During the term of this Agreement, the distribution and use of all SPLOST proceeds deposited in the County SPLOST Fund and the City SPLOST fund shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accounting firm in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121 (a)(2). The parties shall be responsible for the cost of their respective audits. The parties agree to cooperate with the independent certified public accounting firm in any audit by providing all necessary information.

## **ARTICLE 5.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

(a) Any controversy arising under this Agreement shall be heard before the Superior Court of Putnam County. Any party seeking to enforce this Agreement shall be entitled to reasonable costs and attorney's fees related to the enforcement of the obligations of this Agreement. Prior to any action brought to enforce the obligations under this agreement, the parties agree to submit any controversy arising under this Agreement to mediation for a resolution. The parties to the mediation shall mutually select a neutral party to serve as mediator. Costs of mediation shall be shared equally among the parties to the mediation.

(b) Should any phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph herein contained be held invalid or unconstitutional, it shall in nowise affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement, which said provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

(c) This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

(d) This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting by and through their duly authorized officers, have caused this Agreement to be executed in multiple counterparts under seals as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF EATONTON, GEORGIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Reid, Mayor

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS, GEORGIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
B. W. "Bill" Sharp, Chairman

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

County Projects	Estimated Costs
Jail Renovation Project	\$9,137,541.20
Sheriff Office Vehicles	\$2,208,000.00
EMS Ambulances and Equipment	\$2,520,000.00
Fire Department Trucks, Equipment, Debt Service and Improvements	\$7,559,241.00
Public Works Heavy Duty Trucks and Equipment	\$851,000.00
Putnam General Hospital	\$3,694,046.88
Recreation Department-Pickleball, Lighting, Facility Improvements at JDP and PRC	\$2,135,236.00
Golf Course Equipment and Course Upgrades	\$989,590.12
Public Building Improvements	\$750,000.00
Oconee Springs Park Improvements	\$1,437,500.00
County Extension Office	\$2,875,000.00
Animal Services Vehicles and Building	\$200,000.00

City Projects	Estimated Costs
Gas Department Tools & Equipment	\$900,000.00
Gas Line Expansion	\$600,000.00
Gas Department Vehicles	\$100,000.00
Police Vehicles	\$1,000,000.00
Police Tools & Equipment	\$255,000.00
Fire Trucks/Vehicles	\$1,066,000.00
Fire Tools & Equipment	\$225,000.00
Roads/Bridges/Sidewalks/Drainage	\$3,500,000.00
Streets Department Tools & Equipment	\$810,000.00
Streets Department Vehicles	\$512,000.00
City Shop Tools & Equipment	\$50,000.00
Buildings & Grounds Tools & Equipment	\$25,000.00
Public Buildings & Site Improvements	\$1,872,551.00
Senior Center Vehicles	\$70,000.00
Blight Remediation	\$300,000.00
City Hall Furnishings & Equipment	\$45,000.00

# PROPOSAL FOR SPLOST #10

ESTIMATED COLLECTIONS = \$45,700,000 (6 years)

Level 1 Countywide project (Jail Renovation): \$9,100,000

Available for projects: \$36,600,000

City portion (31%): \$11,346,000

County Portion (69%): \$25,254,000

County Project	Staff Estimate	Proposed	Notes	
Sheriff -cars	\$2,208,000	\$2,200,000	Rnd	
EMS	\$2,520,000	\$2,000,000	Less 1 Amb	
Fire/Rescue	\$7,559,241	\$5,400,000	Purchase 1 truck from FB	
PW Equipment	\$851,000	\$850,000	Rnd	
PGH	\$3,694,046	\$3,600,000	By contract	
Recreation Dept.	\$2,135,236	\$2,000,000	Year 1 Est	
Golf Course	\$989,590	\$900,000	Sod & Sand	
Public Bldg.	\$750,000	\$750,000		
OS Park	\$1,437,500	\$1,250,000	Year 1 Est	
Extension Office	\$2,875,000	\$2,500,000	Year 1 Est	
Animal Service	\$200,000	\$200,000		
PW Roads	\$0	\$3,604,000	Added	

City Projects: Increase by \$15,409.