PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ◊ Eatonton, GA 31024

Special Called Meeting Agenda Friday, August 29, 2025 ◊ 10:00 AM Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

Opening

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance (TM)

Special Called Meeting

3. Approval of FY26 Budget and Authorization for Chairman to sign 2026 Budget Resolution (staff-CM & Fin)

Closing

4. 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:

3. Approval of FY26 Budget and Authorization for Chairman to sign 2026 Budget Resolution (staff-CM & Fin)

2026 BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County is committed to providing adequate services to its citizens as economically feasible through an official budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County desires to comply with all requirements of the O. C. G. A.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County conducted budget work sessions on July 16, 2025, July 18, 2025, and August 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County received the 2026 Proposed Budget on July 29, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was published in *The Eatonton Messenger*, the legal organ of Putnam County, on July 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County conducted a public hearing on August 19, 2025 for the 2026 proposed budget, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County hereby adopts the fiscal year 2026 budget for the general fund, special revenue funds, enterprise funds, and the special service district fund as presented in the attached exhibit "2026 Putnam County Budget - EXHIBIT A".

Adopted this 29th day of August 2025

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY

Chairman Bill Sharp

Attest:

Lynn Butterworth County Clerk

2026 PUTNAM COUNTY BUDGET - EXHIBIT A

Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	29,205,001
Appropriation from Fund Balance	1,853,546
Transfer from Other Funds	405,123
Interest & Miscellaneous	563,000
Fines	452,000
Charges for Services	3,430,800
Intergovernmental Revenues	372,407
Licenses and Permits	114,500
Taxes	22,013,625

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Government		Public Safety	
District Commissioners	388,692	Sheriff and Jail Operations	6,056,874
Executive Officers	303,432	Fire Stations & Rescue	4,907,030
Board of Elections & Registration	331,821	Ambulance Service	2,799,713
Finance Department	401,777	Coroner	70,607
General Administration	1,219,164	Emergency Management	75,433
Legal Services	210,000	Total Public Safety	13,909,657
Human Resources	161,197		
Tax Commissioner	839,990	Public Works	2,808,513
Tax Assessors	981,691		
Board of Equalization	32,269	Health and Welfare	
Risk Management	450,000	Health Department	239,497
Public Buildings	810,368	Putnam General Hospital	900,000
Public Relations	236,562	Putnam Jasper Service Center	16,000
Total General Government	6,366,963	Family & Children's Services	32,078
		Indigent Burial	1,200
Judicial		Public Transit System	434,385
Superior Court	44,600	Total Health & Welfare	1,623,160
Superior Court-Ocmulgee Circuit	108,941		
Clerk of Superior Court & Image Acc.	631,262	Cultural and Recreational	
District Attorney	235,222	Recreation	1,123,184
State Court	126,651	Uncle Remus Golf Course	756,298
State Court Judge's Office	126,244	Total Culture and Recreation	1,879,482
Magistrate Court	347,998		
Probate Court	311,283	Development	
Juvenile Court	81,614	County Extension Service	57,695
Juvenile Prosecutor's Office	18,000	Planning & Development	119,350
Juvenile Court-Ocmulgee Circuit	51,022	Putnam Development Authority	120,000
Public Defender's Office	144,855	Edgewater Event Center	92,489
Total Judicial	2,227,692	Total Development	389,534
		TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	29,205,001

2026 PUTNAM COUNTY BUDGET - EXHIBIT A

Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	Revenues	Expenditures
Law Library Fund	15,225	15,225
Jail Fund	74,700	74,700
Juvenile Services Fund	8,000	8,000
Drug Abuse Education & Treatment Fund	171,382	171,382
Drug Confiscation Fund	50,000	50,000
Federal Forfeiture Fund	1,010	1,010
Emergency 911 Fund	471,880	471,880
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	1,187,000	1,187,000
Local Maintenance Improvement Grant	632,000	632,000
Juvenile Prosecutors Fund	265,047	226,100

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

	<u>Revenues</u>
Taxes	3,169,778
License & Permits	893,600
Charges for Services	86,051
Fines	0
Interest & Miscellaneous	70,000
Donations	0
Appropriation from Fund Balance	0
Special Service District Revenues	4,219,429

	<u>Expenditures</u>
Middle GA Regional Commission	21,765
Animal Services	315,030
Animal Services - City	76,851
Recyclables Collections	1,860,250
Senior Citizens Program	30,000
Eatonton Public Library	208,940
Planning & Development & Code Enforcement	1,437,748
Special Service District Expenditures	3,950,584

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Revenues	Expenses
Solid Waste Fund	110,000	110,000
Oconee Springs Park Fund	662,686	662,686