

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
108 SOUTH MADISON AVENUE
EATONTON, GEORGIA 31024**

June 20, 2006

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Central Courtroom of the Putnam County Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Howard McMichael, Sr.
Commissioner Wesley Willis
Commissioner Janie Reid
Commissioner Bob Landau
Commissioner Billy Webster

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Tony Clack
County Attorney Chris Huskins
County Clerk Helen Carnes
Secretary Lynn Stewart

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McMichael, Sr. called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. (Copy of notice made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Ms. Doris Clemons gave the invocation. County Manager Tony Clack led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris Huskins, County Attorney, read the rules governing public hearings.

REQUEST BY JRT LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, TO REZONE 201.2 ACRES AT HWY 441 NORTH AND HARMONY ROAD FROM AG TO R1-R. [MAP19, PARCEL 12]. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION IS FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Jay Dell and Mr. Thad Clark of JRT Land Development, LLC spoke in favor of the request. Commissioner Billy Webster read an email from Dorothy Adams concerning complying with the Putnam County Code of Ordinances. Mr. Larry Hone expressed concerns that quality, detailed impact studies be completed. **Motion was made by Commissioner Landau, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to approve the request of JRT Land Development, LLC to rezone 201.2 acres at Highway 441 North and Harmony Road [Map 19, parcel 12] from AG to R1-R with the following conditions: 1) that the main entrance to the property be on Highway 441 with a divided ingress and egress; 2) that Georgia Department of Transportation approved acceleration, deceleration and turning lane be installed at the main entrance to the property on Highway 441; 3) that no more than two "minor" entrances be utilized for ingress or egress on Harmony Road; 4) that County approved acceleration, deceleration and turning lane be installed at each entrance to the property on Harmony Road. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.** (Copy of documents made part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McMichael, Sr. adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Helen J. Carnes
County Clerk

Howard McMichael, Sr.
Chairman

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CALL TO ORDER

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes – Public Hearing Zoning Matters – June 2, 2006
- b. Minutes – Public Hearing Text Changes – June 2, 2006
- c. Minutes – Business Meeting – June 2, 2006
- d. Authorization for Chairman to sign agreement between Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Georgia and Putnam County for Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation 2006 Operating contract
- e. Authorization for Chairman to sign agreement with Steve Sammons for lease of property on Scott Road

Motion made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Landau, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes. (Department of Transportation contract and lease agreement made a part of minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

REQUEST FROM HERON COVE PROPERTIES, LLC FOR COUNTY TO CONSIDER ABANDONING A PORTION OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE

County Manager Tony Clack recommended that this portion of Lakeview Drive be abandoned. **Motion made by Commissioner Landau, seconded by Commissioner Willis, that a Public Hearing be held**

to consider the abandonment of a 50 foot County owned right of way located between Parcel 19 on Lakeview Drive owned by Heron Cove Properties, LLC and Parcel 18 at the end of Lakeview Drive owned by Lakeview Pointe Development, LLC. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

REQUEST FROM WIRT DURDIN FOR COUNTY TO CONSIDER ABANDONING A PORTION OF RIVER OAK DRIVE

County Manager Tony Clack recommended that this portion of River Oak Drive be abandoned. **Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Landau, to start the process of abandonment of the portion of River Oak Drive that bounds lots 93, 94 and 95 of Section 7 of the Riverlake Forrest subdivision. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.**

REQUEST FROM ROBERT T. PRIOR, ATTORNEY FOR WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR APPEAL OF A DECISION CONCERNING REZONING APPLICATION FOR 320.93 ACRES, SCUFFLEBORO ROAD AND EMORY DRIVE

Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Landau, that the deadline for appeal of a decision concerning rezoning application of 320.93 acres by the Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company be extended 30 days after June 20, 2006. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Motion made by Commissioner Landau, seconded by Commissioner Webster, that Mr. Mark Smith, Sr. be appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR VOTING DISTRICT 2

Motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Landau, that Mr. Tommy Brundage be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy for voting district 2. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF

County Manager Tony Clack reported that the painters were expected back soon to complete the exterior paint on the Courthouse and that the handicapped ramps had been revamped to allow for easier access. Mr. Clack responded to a citizen's concern that local tax dollars had been used to repave Crooked Creek Road. This was a Georgia Department of Transportation project under the LARP program (Local Assistance Road Program), therefore no local tax dollars were spent on the project. He also reported that due to the recent water ban, the local city well, located by the Senior Citizens Center, and a county water truck are being used to irrigate the new landscaping at the courthouse.

Commissioner Willis reported that the water department has secured 420 of the required signatures to meet the requirements of the USDA Rural Development loan. He reported that a door-to-door campaign

began as of Monday, June 19, 2006. He also advised that two new recycle centers should be open in District 1, one at the Willard Fire Department and the other at the new fire station on Union Chapel Road within the next few weeks.

Commissioner Reid reported that Eatonton and Putnam County have been designated as a “Keep Putnam Beautiful Community.” She also reported that the swimming pool is now open with four certified life guards. The pool is open for everyone Monday through Friday after 1:00 p.m. Mornings are reserved for group swimming, with the exception of Tuesday and Thursday mornings which are reserved for adults only from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Landau commented on rezoning applications, stating that the process needs to be improved and that a proposal for improvement is already underway. He also announced the completion of the privatization of solid waste management services with the execution of a contract with Attaway Waste Services LLC, which he estimates that the County and the taxpayers will save almost a million dollars in operating and capital costs over the next three years. Chairman McMichael thanked Commissioner Landau for his efforts with this project.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS ALLOWED BY O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, IF NECESSARY, FOR PERSONNEL LITIGATION OR ACQUISITION OF LAND

Motion made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to enter closed session. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

MOTION TO REOPEN MEETING AND EXECUTE AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

Motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Landau, to reopen meeting and execute affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes. (Copy of affidavit made part the minutes on minute book page _____.)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McMichael, Sr. adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Helen J. Carnes
County Clerk

Howard McMichael, Sr.
Chairman