

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

April 18, 2006

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at approximately 12:00 p.m. in the Putnam County Commissioners' meeting room, 108 Madison Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Commissioner Janie Reid
Commissioner Bob Landau
Commissioner Billy Webster

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Tony Clack
County Clerk Helen Carnes

ABSENT

Chairman Howard McMichael, Sr.
Commissioner Wesley Willis
County Attorney Chris Huskins

CALL TO ORDER-INVOCATION-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Landau called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. (Copy of meeting notice and agenda made a part of minutes on minute book pages ___ to ___.)

Debra Smith, Allen Smith Consulting, gave an overview of the Employment Incentive Program. She stated that community needs to be addressed are: (a) the projects must benefit at least 51% low and moderate income persons; and /or (b) the projects must aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; and /or (c) meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because of existing conditions that pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The applicant must certify and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs must concur that such conditions exist.

Debra Smith covered the previous projects completed with Community Development Block Grants and Employment Incentive Programs.

Debra Smith stated that Putnam County and the City of Eatonton have jointly received a \$400,000 Employment Incentive Grant to be used to install water lines. The City of Eatonton will provide \$100,000 from its revolving loan fund which will provide a total of \$500,000 for the project. The county will bear the responsibility of maintaining the records. The \$400,000 grant will be drawn down first and then the \$100,000 will be drawn to finish the construction. The EIP grant will create 230 jobs and the funds from the revolving loan funds will create 20 jobs. There will be no displacement related to the project. The project is basically to run the lines from the County's water tank south of Eatonton to the Walmart shopping center. The fair housing bulletin is displayed in the Putnam County Administration Building.

There were no public comments.

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The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 18, 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
Lynn Stewart

CALL TO ORDER-INVOCATION-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McMichael, Sr. called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Dave Hinson, pastor of Wesley Chapel, gave the invocation. Frank Whitten led the Pledge of Allegiance. Frank Whitten was presented a proclamation for his service to the County. (Copy of notice made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

County Attorney Chris Huskins read the rules governing public hearings.

REQUEST BY SUSAN P. PARK TO REZONE 165 ACRES AT END OF FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM I-H TO AG. [MAP 54, PARCEL 39].

The Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation is for approval.

Mr. Durham, representative for Susan Park, spoke in favor of the request.

The Planning and Zoning staff's recommendation is for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Landau, that the board approves the request by Susan P. Park to rezone 165 acres at end of Friendship Road from I-H to AG. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McMichael, Sr. adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Helen J. Carnes
County Clerk

Howard McMichael, Sr.
Chairman

Claire Swain of Carter & Sloope presented a map and showed the areas of where water lines have already been installed and where future lines will be constructed. (Copy of map made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Robby Howell, county engineer, stated that the bid process should be around January 2007 and the project will last between eight to twelve months.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Landau adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Helen J. Carnes
County Clerk

Bob Landau
Acting Chair

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April 18, 2006

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at approximately 7:00 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 Representative Donald Huskins
County Clerk Helen Carnes
Lynn Stewart

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McMichael, Sr. called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. (Copy of notice made a part of the minutes on minute book page ____.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Cottrell spoke about his concerns relating to permits. He believes the County is not consistently receiving building permits.

Larry Hone thanked the Board for allowing public comments. He stated that he emails Sharon Darlington, Director of Planning and Engineering, regularly about signs and construction in progress around the County. He stated that the County should work toward a plan of staggered terms for the Board of Commissioners. He stated that there is discussion in the community concerning districts and suggested that a non-binding question be put on a ballot to determine interest in the subject. He suggested that a job description be developed for the EMS/Fire Chief position and a qualified person be hired for the position

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) *Minutes - Public Hearing Zoning Matters - March 21, 2006*
- b) *Minutes - Regular Business Meeting - March 21, 2006*
- c) *Minutes - Called Meeting - March 27, 2006*
- d) *Minutes - Public Hearing Text Changes April 7, 2006*
- e) *Minutes - Called Meeting - April 7, 2006*
- f) *Authorization to change the name of the Putnam County Courthouse Annex to the Putnam County Administration Building*

Motion made by Commissioner Landau, seconded by Commissioner Willis, that the consent

agenda be approved with the minor changes to the minutes. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

PRESENTATION BY APRIL INGLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GEORGIA RIVER NETWORK ON "PLANNING ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE HEALTH OF LAKES OCONEE AND SINCLAIR"

April Ingle gave a presentation on protecting our water resources. Chairman McMichael thanked her for the presentation. (Copy of presentation made a part of the minutes on minute book pages ____ to ____.)

REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

Commissioner Landau reported that the task force has reviewed the proposals and responses and that there are three companies in competition to provide solid waste management services to the County. He expects to submit a package of materials along with the recommendations of the task force within a week and hopes that the recommendations will be finalized at the May 5, 2006 meeting.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION CLARIFYING PER-DIEMS

Commissioner Webster asked for clarification of the definition of per-diems. Chris Huskins, county attorney, explained that per-diem is defined in the resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Landau, seconded by Commissioner Willis, that the resolution clarifying per-diems be adopted. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes. (Resolution made a part of minutes on minute book pages ____ to ____.)

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF

Commissioner Landau stated that an open house should be held for the Courthouse around the middle of May.

Commissioner Reid thanked Doctor Daniels, a local chiropractor, for the \$1,000 donation she made to the recreation department.

Tony Clack, County Manager, gave an update concerning the progress of the renovation of the Courthouse and paving of roads. He stated that the county would request bids for the 2006 paving in the near future.

Commissioner Webster stated that he had heard the budget for the health care system all over the State had been impacted by budget cuts. Chairman McMichael stated that there was no definite plan that it depends on what the Governor signs.

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 Reid, seconded by Commissioner Willis that the board enter closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4. 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 Willis, seconded by Commissioner Landau that the board reopen the 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 a part of minutes on minute book page ____.)

ACTION, IF ANY, RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Chris Huskins, county attorney, suggested a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Willis, that the Putnam County Board of Commissioners authorize the county attorney and the County to deed whatever interest the County has or may acquire in the future by Putnam County for the Sinclair Water Authority to the Sinclair Water Authority with authority of this motion not to extend past the calendar year 2008. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

Chris Huskins, county attorney, suggested another motion.

Motion by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Reid, that the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County authorize the county attorney and/ or the County to purchase no more than two lots within Putnam County for the purpose to construct a road or roads and that purchase price in the aggregate not exceed twenty thousand dollars. Motion carried with Commissioners Willis, Reid, Landau and Webster voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McMichael, Sr. adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Helen J. Carnes
County Clerk

Howard McMichael, Sr.
Chairman