

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

November 2, 2012

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, November 2, 2012 at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia

PRESENT

Chairman Tom Thompson
Commissioner John A. Clements, Jr.
Commissioner Janie B. Reid
Commissioner Alan Foster
Commissioner Billy Webster

STAFF PRESENT

County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Barber

STAFF ABSENT

County Attorney Tom Daniel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

Dr. George Utuk gave the invocation. Chairman Tom Thompson the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Janet Batchelor spoke of her desire to put up a Veterans Wall and asked for the support of the Board of Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes – October 16, 2012

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Municipal Tax Collection Agreement as depicted on pages 4-8 of the meeting package, to include the City's resolution on page 9 of the meeting package. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED AND RESTATED ACCG 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution to adopt Amended and Restated ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN MGRC AREA AGENCY ON AGING SFY 13 CONTRACT AMENDMENT ONE

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to authorize the Chairman to sign the MGRC Area Agency on Aging SFY 13 Contract Amendment One. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

APPROVAL OF 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 – BUDGET CHANGE #12-22

Finance Director Linda Cook explained the amendment and answered questions. **Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to approve 2012 Budget Amendment #5 as shown on pages 24-25R of the meeting package. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION FOR PUTNAM COUNTY-STATE COURT; JUDGE; SOLICITOR-GENERAL; COMPENSATION

Solicitor-General Michael Gailey answered questions and explained that he had spoken to Representative Mickey Channell, who assured him of his support. **Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation for the Putnam County-State Court; Judge; Solicitor-General; Compensation and forward to our local delegation through our County Attorney plus provide for a temporary county supplement effective on January 1, 2013 sufficient to provide compensation in the amount of \$54,000 per annum on an annualized basis for the Putnam County Solicitor-General and State Court Judge, said temporary county supplement to rescind upon passage of the legislation; if the legislation does not pass the supplement does not rescind. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR FY14

Commissioner Webster explained the purpose of the proposed committee. **Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Reid, that the current Board of Commissioners encourage the future administration to follow through on a plan to create a citizens committee to study budget options starting early in 2013. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

County Manager Van Haute reported that Ricky Duvall, Golf Course Director & Randy Hurt, Greenskeeper, recently visited the Augusta National Golf Course. They were invited to visit due to a recent article in the newspaper about Randy. Their visit included behind the scenes tours and both were thrilled about the opportunity.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Clements – none

Commissioner Reid – followed up on Commissioner Webster’s comments and sympathized with this family as her mother had the same type of cancer. She also mentioned a 13 year old member of the community that has stomach cancer.

Commissioner Foster – none

Commissioner Webster – shared some sad news regarding a local second grader, Johnna Ferguson, who has recently been diagnosed with sinus cancer. A donation system is being established through Farmers & Merchants Bank for medical expenses. He asked for support for this family and for all to consider donating.

Chairman Thompson – none

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Barber
County Clerk

Tom Thompson
Chairman