

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

November 20, 2012

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at approximately 6:30 p.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 Attorney Tom Daniel
County Manager Paul Van Haute
County Clerk Lynn Barber

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Gary McElhenney gave the invocation. Commissioner John Clements led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST BY JENNIFER BLACKBURN, AGENT FOR VERIZON WIRELESS, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION TO ERECT A TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AT 636 GRAY ROAD SW. PRESENTLY ZONED AG-1. [MAP 052, PARCEL 013]. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION IS FOR APPROVAL WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Chuck Palmer with Verizon Wireless spoke in support of this item. No one signed in to speak against this issue. Planning and Development staff recommendation is for approval with the condition that, as stated in Section 58-6-15 of the Putnam County Telecommunications Ordinance, "The county shall be afforded the vertical real estate opportunity to place public safety radio equipment on the tower and the necessary ground real estate for all applicable supporting infrastructure at no charge (except for reinforcing the existing tower design)." **Motion made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to approve the request by Jennifer Blackburn, Agent for Verizon Wireless, for a conditional use application to erect a Telecommunication Tower at 636 Gray Road SW, presently zoned AG-1, Map 052, parcel 013.**

Commissioner Foster amended the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to include the recommendations of the Planning and Development staff. Motion as amended carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

REQUEST BY SCOTT & KIM RICHTER TO REZONE 5 ACRES AT 467 OLD PHOENIX ROAD FROM AG-1 TO AG-2. [MAP 104, PARCEL 016 003]. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION IS FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Scott Richter spoke in support of this item. No one signed in to speak against this issue. Planning and Development staff recommendation is for approval. **Motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the request by Scott & Kim Richter to rezone 5 acres at 467 Old Phoenix Road from AG-1 to AG-2, Map 104, parcel 016 003. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

REQUSET BY SCOTT & KIM RICHTER TO REZONE 3.39 ACRES ON OLD PHOENIX ROAD FROM R-1R TO AG-1 (TO BE TIED INTO ADJACENT AG-1 PARCEL). [MAP 104, PARCEL 015]. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION IS FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Scott Richter spoke in support of this item. No one signed in to speak against this issue. Planning and Development staff recommendation is for approval. **Motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the request by Scott & Kim Richter to rezone 3.39 acres on Old Phoenix Road from R-1R to AG-1 (to be tied into adjacent AG-1 parcel), Map 104, parcel 015, as identified on pages 69-77 of the meeting package. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

Chairman Thompson called for a brief recess.

Meeting recessed at approximately 6:44 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 6:47 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes – November 2, 2012

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

REQUEST FROM PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Mrs. Betty Drinkard, Mr. Marty Drinkard, Ms. Lynn Smith, Ms. Nickie Corbitt, Mr. Roger Golden, and Mr. Luther Kelley spoke in support of this issue. No one signed in to speak against this issue. Putnam County DFCS Director Darlene Roberts explained the request in detail, answered questions and distributed a handout. **Motion made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to fund DFCS with an additional \$5000.**

Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, amended the motion to \$12,000. Amended motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes. (Copy of handout made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

APPROVAL OF OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-PHASE II FEE & SCOPE PROPOSAL & REVISED PHASE I FEE/SCOPE

Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to approve the Off-System Safety Enhancement Project-Phase II Fee & Scope Proposal and Revised Phase I Fee/Scope. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes. (Copy of documents made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR EATONTON DDA 2012 ONEGEORGIA EQUITY CITY CENTER PROJECT

Motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for Eatonton DDA 2012 OneGeorgia Equity City Center Project.

Commissioner Webster recommended removal of the last sentence in paragraph two of the letter. The recommendation was accepted by the maker of the motion and the second. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes. (Copy of letter made a part of the minutes on minute book pages _____ to _____.)

APPROVAL OF USE OF TIMBER TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,765.46 FOR PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TITLE III PROJECTS

Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to approve the use of Timber Tax Funds in the amount of \$17,765.46 for Putnam County Fire Department Title III Projects. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to bring back to the table Item #11 (*APPROVAL OF OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-PHASE II FEE & SCOPE PROPOSAL & REVISED PHASE I FEE/SCOPE*)

Amended motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to include the additional language not to exceed \$2000 in the CIS contract for mileage. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Foster, and Webster voting yes and Commissioner Reid voting no.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

County Manager Van Haute reported on the Master List of road paving projects which totals approximately 78 miles and 9.7 million dollars. The list needs to be whittled down and he must have at least ½ million dollars worth of projects for the LMIG portion before December 18, 2012.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Clements – none

Commissioner Reid – none

Commissioner Foster – none

Commissioner Webster – none

Chairman Thompson – none

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Barber
County Clerk

Tom Thompson
Chairman