

# PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

December 18, 2012

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 18, 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. Edge Farley gave the invocation. Mr. Larry Hone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## *SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS*

The commissioners presented proclamations and retirement watches to Jeanne Vining, Judy Lawrence, Joan Jones, and June McLeroy. (Copy of proclamations made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

## *PUBLIC COMMENTS*

None

## *APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

**Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to approve the agenda with the deletion of item #9 “Authorization for Chairman to sign letter to the City of Eatonton asking for inclusion of the Old Hotel/County Annex Building into the City’s urban redevelopment plan” and item #11 “Authorization for staff to schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 22 (Businesses)” and the addition of a motion to enter into closed session for acquisition of land and subsequent reopening of meeting with any action if needed. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*REQUEST BY DAVID L. ERICKSON TO REZONE 59.06 ACRES AT 388 PEA RIDGE ROAD SE FROM R-1 TO AG-1. [MAP 089, PARCEL 017]. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION IS FOR APPROVAL.*

No one signed in to speak for or against this item. Planning and Development staff recommendation is for approval. **Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the request by David L. Erickson to rezone 59.06 acres at 388 Pea Ridge Road SE from R-1 to AG-1, identified by map 89, parcel 017. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

*CONSENT AGENDA*

- a. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2012
- b. Approval of 2013 Alcohol License(s)
- c. Approval of Putnam County Fixed Asset Proposed for Surplus

**Motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 STAFF TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION)*

**Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to authorize the staff to schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 2 (Administration). Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.** (Copy of proposed changes made a part of the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

*AWARDING OF PUTNAM COUNTY OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT P.I. #0010823*

**Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to award the Putnam County Off-System Safety Enhancement Project P.I. #0010823 to Peek Pavement Markings in the amount of \$371,233.70. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

*APPROVAL OF COUNTY REPAVING/ROAD PROJECTS*

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to table this item until the second meeting in January. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

*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 Foster, seconded by Commissioner Webster, that the board enters into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for the purpose of acquisition of land;**

**That upon the conclusion of the discussion or deliberation upon the closed session portion of the meeting that this body enter back into open session, open to the public, at which point an announcement will be made in the hallways outside this room that this body is back in open session;**

**That upon coming back into open session, this body ratify the action taken in closed session; and**

**That this body, in open session, adopt a resolution to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, and that this body confirm that the actions of the board in closed session were done as required by law, said resolution to be in the form as attached hereto.**

**Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster and Webster voting yes.** The open meeting closed at approximately 7:05 p.m.

*RECONVENE*

**Motion made by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Foster, that the open meeting be reconvened and the appropriate affidavit be executed attesting that the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the matters within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law and described in the motion for entering the closed portion of the meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.** The open meeting reconvened at approximately 7:15 p.m. (Copy of affidavit made a part the minutes on minute book page \_\_\_\_\_.)

*ACTION, IF ANY, RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION*

**Motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Clements, to authorize the County Attorney to proceed as discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried with Commissioners Clements, Reid, Foster, and Webster voting yes.**

*COUNTY MANAGER REPORT*

None

*COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT*

None

*COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Commissioner Clements – wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Commissioner Reid – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2013

Commissioner Foster – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the audience for staying until the end of the meeting

Commissioner Webster – presented retirement proclamations and plaques to Chairman Tom Thompson and Commissioner John A. Clements, Jr. (Copy of proclamations made a part of the minutes on minute book pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.)

Chairman Thompson – wished everyone a Merry Christmas

*ADJOURNMENT*

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Barber  
County Clerk

Tom Thompson  
Chairman