

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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WOOTEN, SR.**

March 17, 2026,

Dear Chairman and Members of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners,

After more than sixteen years of service, I am writing to formally announce my retirement, effective May 31, 2026.

My time serving Putnam County has been both professionally rewarding and personally meaningful. I am eternally grateful to the outstanding county staff, county attorney, our constitutional officers, and the elected officials and volunteers who dedicate themselves to serving our citizens. Furthermore, I thank this Board of Commissioners for your trust, guidance, and steadfast commitment to excellence in county government.

Over the years, we have celebrated remarkable successes and worked through challenges together. Because of those collective efforts, Putnam County is well-positioned to thrive long into the future. I leave the knowing that County's best days are still ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community. It has been a true privilege.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Van Haute", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Van Haute