

Putnam County Board of Commissioners



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Budget Work Session

Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

Opening

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

Present:

Chairman Bill Sharp, Commissioner Richard Garrett (arrived late), Commissioner Steve Hersey, Commissioner Jeff Wooten

Absent: Commissioner Tom McElhenney

Staff Present:

Interim County Manager Byron Lombard, County Clerk Lynn Butterworth, Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion made by Jeff Wooten, Seconded by Steve Hersey.

Voting Yea: Bill Sharp, Steve Hersey, Jeff Wooten

Voting Nay: None

Motion Passed

3. Pledge of Allegiance (BS)

Chairman Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4. Budget Discussions

Commissioner Garrett arrived at approximately 9:03 a.m.

Various budget requests were discussed. Comments were made by Howard Sills for Sheriff, Jail, Emergency Management, E911; Brad Murphey for Ambulance Service; Michael Gailey for State Court Judge; Matt Poyner for Putnam Development Authority.

Meeting recessed at approximately 11:12 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 11:26 a.m.

Budget request discussions continued with Christine Tillman for Animal Services; Anthony Frazier for Public Works.

Meeting recessed at approximately 12:06 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 12:52 p.m.

Budget request discussions continued with Jennifer Smith for Coroner.

Commissioner Garrett left the meeting at approximately 12:58 p.m.

Budget request discussions continued with Scott Haley for Recreation Department (handout); Terrell Abernathy for Tax Commissioner; Lisa Jackson and Anthony Smith for Planning & Development / P&D Commission / Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Garrett returned to the meeting at approximately 1:59 p.m.

Budget request discussions concluded with Jennifer Smith for Solid Waste Fund.

No action was taken.

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5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion made by Steve Hersey, Seconded by Jeff Wooten.

Voting Yea: Steve Hersey, Richard Garrett, Jeff Wooten

Voting Nay: None

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

B. W. “Bill” Sharp
Chairman

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