

Putnam County Board of Commissioners



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ♦ Eatonton, GA 31024

Joint Called Meeting w/ Eatonton City Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 ♦ 6:00 PM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203

Opening

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met for a joint called meeting with the Eatonton City Council on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at approximately 6:00 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

Present:

Chairman Bill Sharp, Commissioner Tom McElhenney, Commissioner Richard Garrett, Commissioner Jeff Wooten

Absent:

Commissioner Steve Hersey

Staff Present:

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

City of Eatonton Present:

Mayor John Reid, Councilmember At Large Chip Walker, Councilmember Marie Rainey, Councilmember Teresa Doster, Councilmember James Gorley, Councilmember Mylle Mangum

City of Eatonton Staff Present:

City Attorney Chris Huskins, City Administrator Gary Sanders, City Clerk Maria Jimenez

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:59pm

(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _____.)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Tom McElhenney, Seconded by Jeff Wooten.

Voting Yea: Tom McElhenney, Richard Garrett, Jeff Wooten

Voting Nay: None

Motion Passed

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3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4. Discussion and possible action on TSPLOST #3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Eatonton (staff-CM)

County Manager Byron Lombard explained the requirements to initiate a TSPLOST election and the purpose of meeting with the Eatonton City Council. He advised that a draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement was sent to the City for review, including a 75% split for Putnam County and 25% split for the City of Eatonton. The Eatonton City Council will consider the IGA at their meeting on July 7th. The Board of Commissioners will consider the IGA at their meeting on July 21st, with a Call for the Referendum to follow at a called meeting between July 31st and August 4th.

City Administrator Gary Sanders explained the distribution of the City of Eatonton's projects and their next steps.

No action taken.

5. Discussion and possible action on a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from SPLOST #10 (staff-CM)

County Manager Byron Lombard explained the proposed revisions to the SPLOST #10 Intergovernmental Agreement that will allow for funds to be used from the beginning of collections. He assured the commissioners that a safeguard would still be in place for the "Level I" Project via a requirement of funds set aside each month. The funds remaining each month will be split proportionally between the City of Eatonton and Putnam County. The Eatonton City Council will consider the revised IGA at their July 7th meeting and the Board of Commissioners will consider the revised IGA at their July 21st meeting.

No action taken.

6. Authorization for staff to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances (staff-CM)

- a. Chapter 18 - Section 18-36 (Adoption of technical codes) (Repeal)
- b. Chapter 18 - Article IV (Public Nuisance Dwellings, Buildings, or Structures) (Repeal)
- c. Chapter 66 - Section 66-121 (Expansion of PUD Districts) (New)

County Manager Byron Lombard introduced the topics and the opportunity to schedule the Public Hearing to consider each of these items at one time.

Motion to Authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Putnam County Code of Ordinances: a. Chapter 18 - Section 18-36 (Adoption of technical codes) (Repeal); b. Chapter 18 - Article IV (Public Nuisance Dwellings, Buildings, or Structures) (Repeal); c. Chapter 66 - Section 66-121 (Expansion of PUD Districts) (New)

Motion made by Richard Garrett, Seconded by Jeff Wooten.

Voting Yea: Tom McElhenney, Richard Garrett, Jeff Wooten

Voting Nay: None

Motion Passed

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Closing

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Garrett reminded everyone of the county-sponsored drone show this Friday, July 3rd. Chairman Sharp thanked Commissioner Garrett for coordinating the drone show, and wished everyone a safe Fourth of July.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion made by Tom McElhenney, Seconded by Richard Garrett.

Voting Yea: Tom McElhenney, Richard Garrett, Jeff Wooten

Voting Nay: None

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:31 PM

ATTEST:

Mercy Fluker
Deputy County Clerk

B. W. "Bill" Sharp
Chairman

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