

State of the County

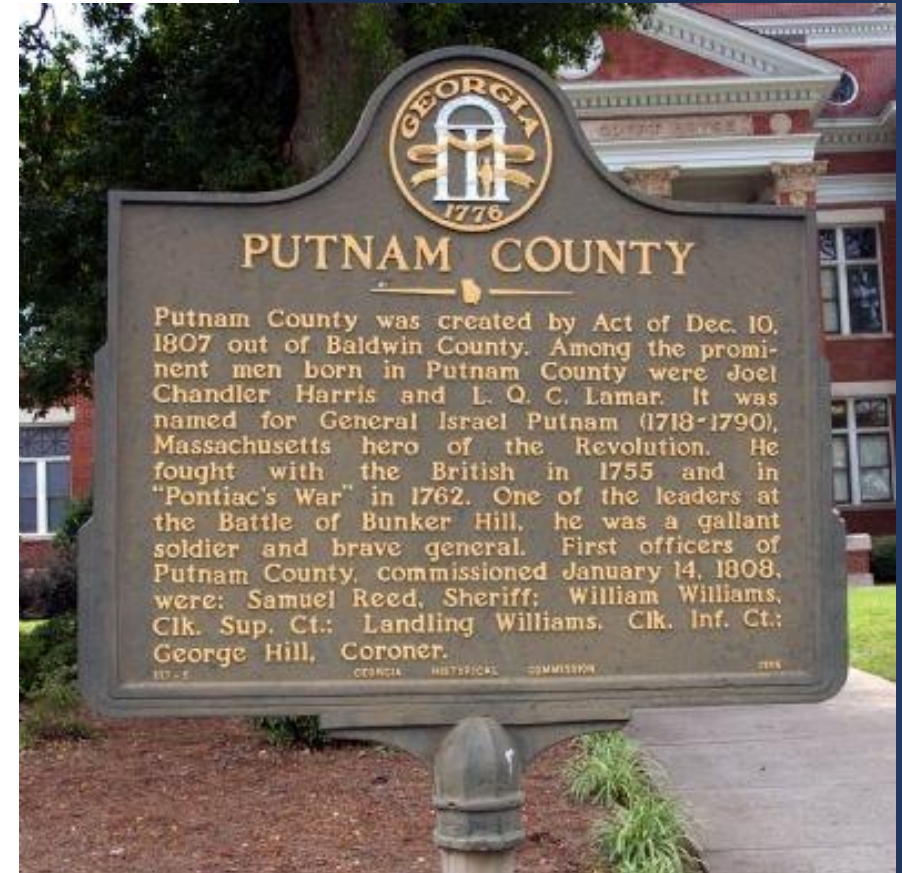
2024

BOC Chairman Bill Sharp



Major Interest Areas

- Executive
- Financial
- Development
- Fire/EMS
- Public Works
- Oconee Springs
- Recreation/Golf Course
- Animal Services
- Transit



EXECUTIVE

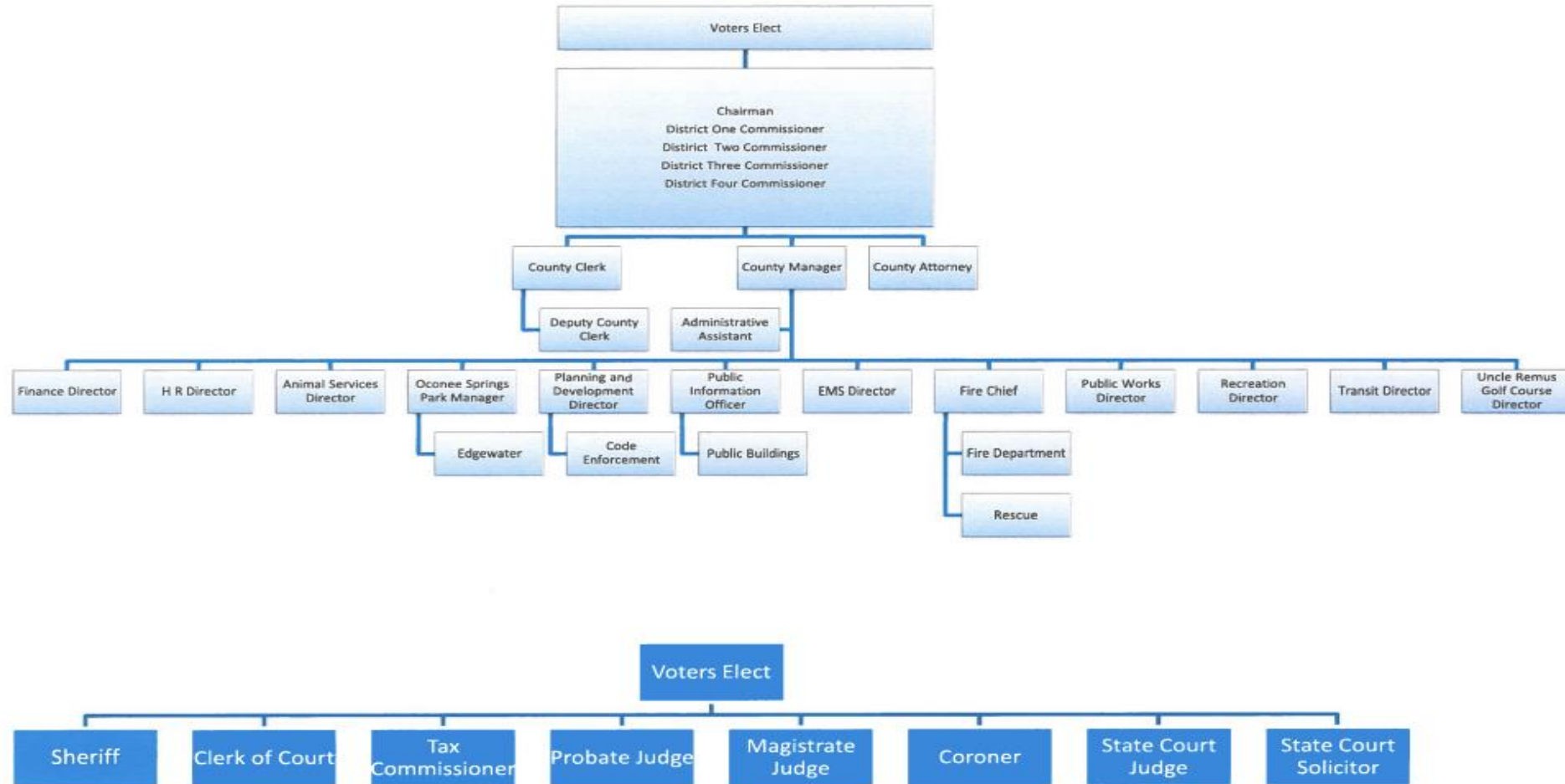
The 2024 BOC has a new District One Commissioner and a new District Two Commissioner. The board members are listed below:

- Chairman Bill Sharp
- District One Commissioner Tom McElhenney
- District Two Commissioner Richard Garrett
- District Three Commissioner Stephen Hersey
- District Four Commissioner (Vice Chairman) Jeff Wooten



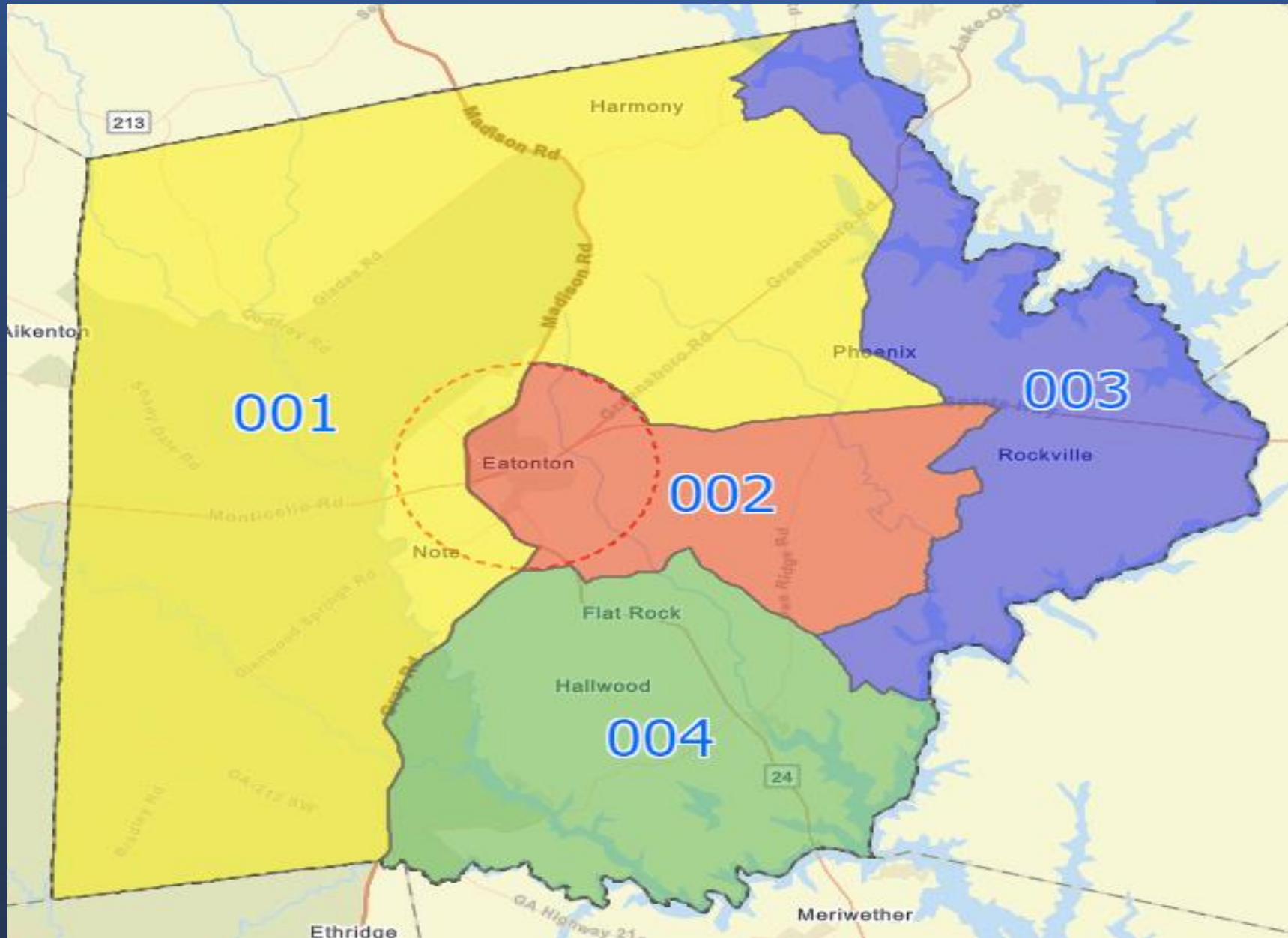
Putnam County Organizational Chart

PUTNAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Approved by BOC 12/19/2011
 Revised 08/15/2016
 Revised 01/01/2019
 Revised 06/03/2019
 Revised 12/13/2022

Putnam County Commission Districts



Executive Administration

Officials Appointed by the Board of Commissioners :

- County Manager Paul Van Haute
- County Clerk Lynn Butterworth
- County Attorney Adam Nelson

Department Heads

Employees overseen by the County Manager :

- Linda Cook - Finance
- Anthony Frazier - Public Works
- Thomas McClain - Fire Department
- Brad Murphey - Emergency Medical Services
- Lisa Jackson - Planning and Development
- Stephanie McMullen - Public Relations
- Cynthia Miller - Human Resources
- Scott Haley - Recreation Department
- Lonnie and Susan Campbell - Oconee Springs Park
- Michael Benton - Uncle Remus Golf Course
- Dianne Pounds - Transit
- Christine Tillman - Animal Services

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

	2024	2023	Variation
Full - Time	216	189	27
Part - Time	48	36	12
Elected	13	13	0
Appointed	21	21	0
Volunteer Firefighters	8	17	-9
Total	306	276	30

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

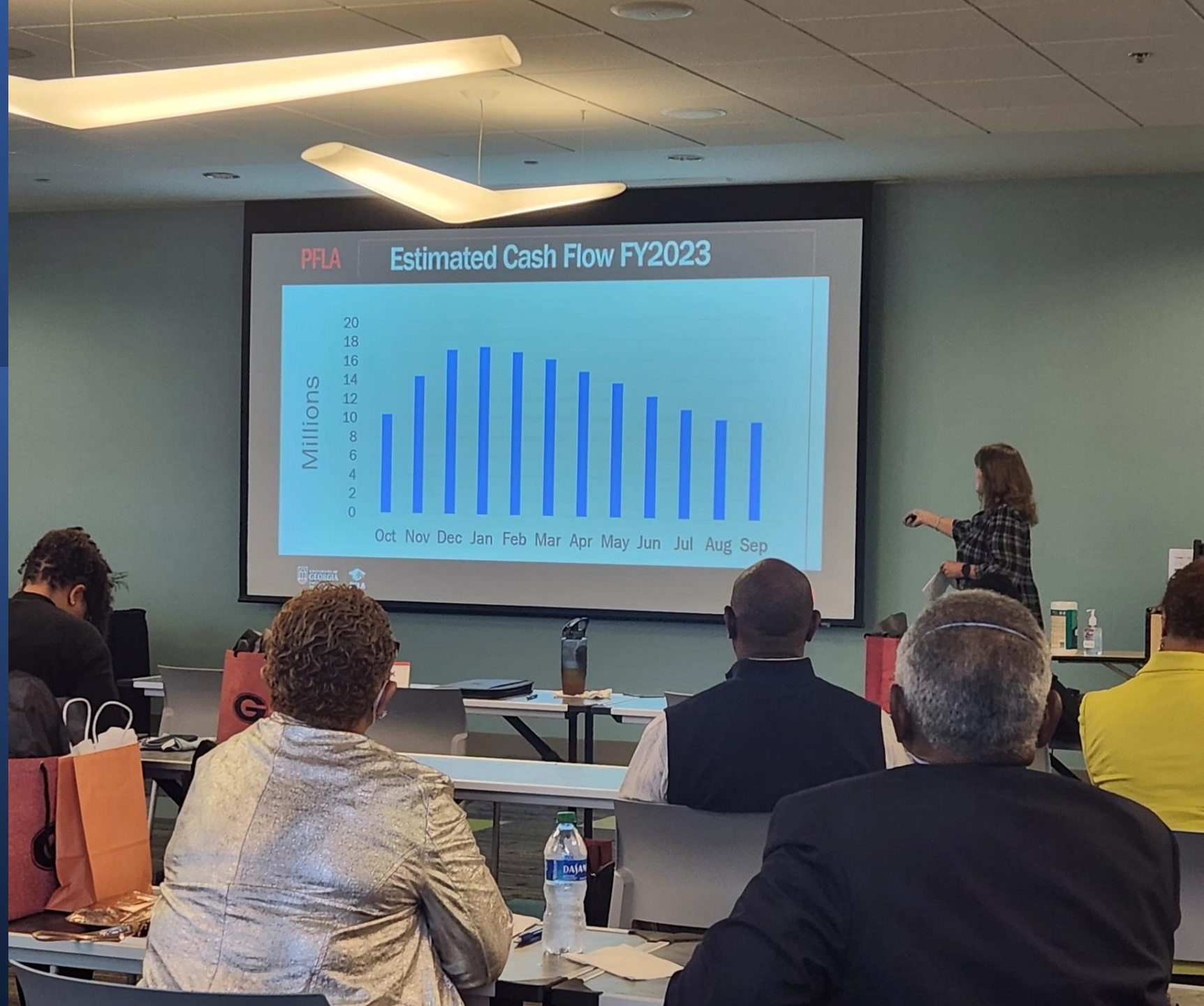
Constitutional Officers of Putnam County:

- Sheriff Howard Sills
- Clerk of Courts Trevor Addison
- Probate Judge Brandy Turk Huskins
- Tax Commissioner Terrell Abernathy

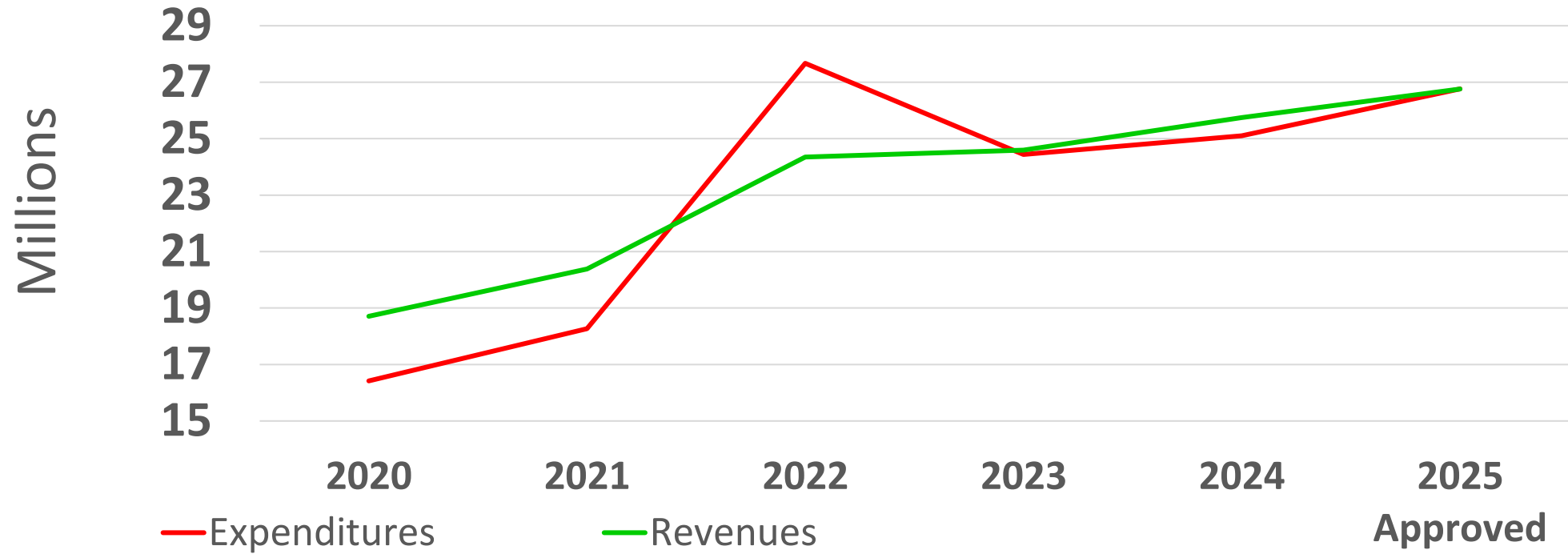
FINANCIAL

Finance Director – Linda Cook

The Putnam County Finance Department is responsible for the overall financial services of the Putnam County Government. Revenue continues to increase.



General Fund Revenues & Expenditures



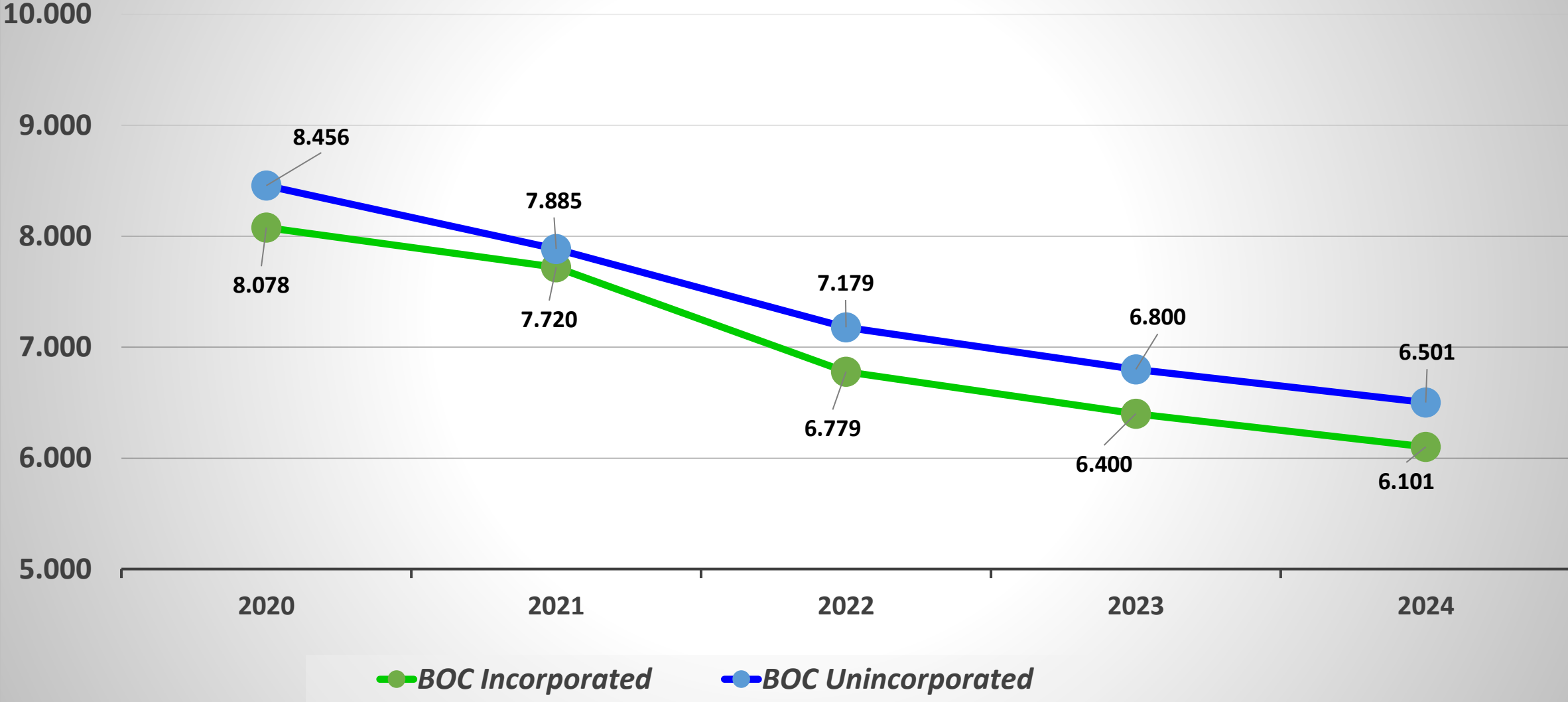
FINANCIAL

The millage rate continues to decrease.



Millage Rate

Mill Rate History 5 Years



FINANCIAL

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money has been spent.



American Rescue Funds

Description of Program	Date	Committed	Date	Paid	Balance
Received from Federal Government	05/20/21				2,148,178.00
Received from Federal Government	05/20/22				2,148,178.00
Total Received from Federal Government					4,296,356.00
Hazzard Premimum Pay to Putnam County Employees	08/17/21	487,815.24	09/02/21	487,815.24	(487,815.24)
Hazzard Premimum Pay to Putnam General Hospital	08/17/21	244,918.00	11/18/21	244,918.00	(244,918.00)
Eatonton Putnam Water & Sewer Authority - matching funds	10/01/21	600,000.00	3 pmts 9/30/22, 4/13/23, & 1/11/24	600,000.00	(600,000.00)
Sinclair Water Authority	12/21/21	250,000.00	05/05/22	250,000.00	(250,000.00)
Clerk of Superior Court - Record Imaging and preservation	04/01/22	209,871.70	04/07/22	209,871.70	(209,871.70)
New Fire/EMS Building	04/01/22	2,503,751.06	09/30/23	2,503,751.06	(2,503,751.06)
TOTAL		4,296,356.00		4,296,356.00	0.00

FINANCIAL

The Finance Department received the Association's Highest award for Excellence in Reporting for the 11th year in a row.



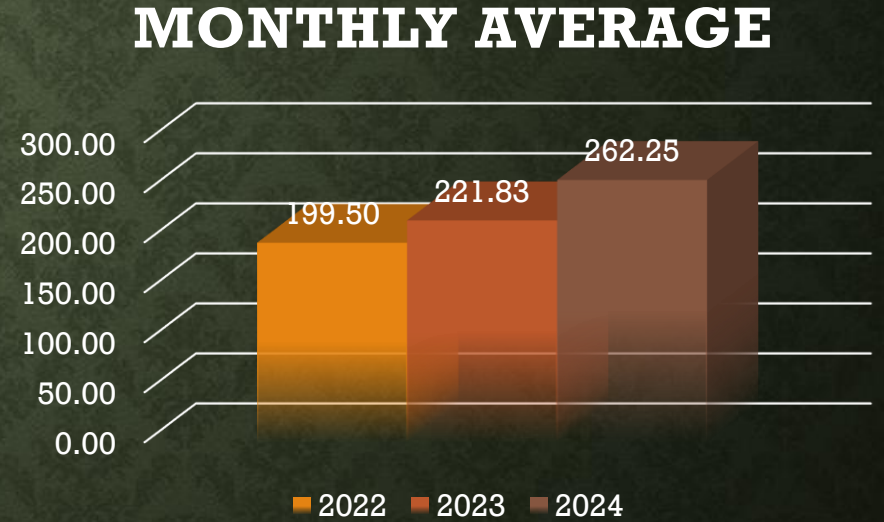
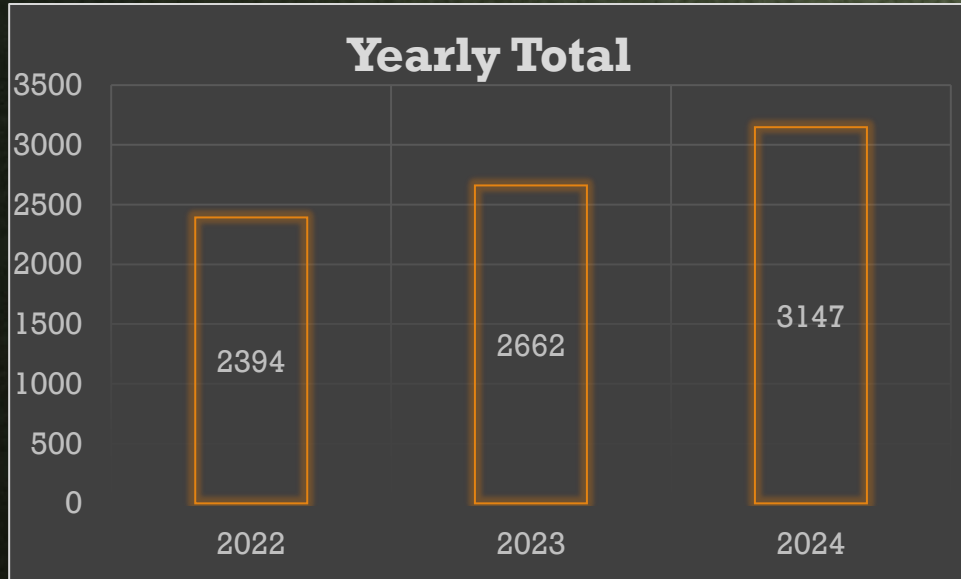
PUTNAM COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
BY: DIRECTOR LISA JACKSON



OVERVIEW

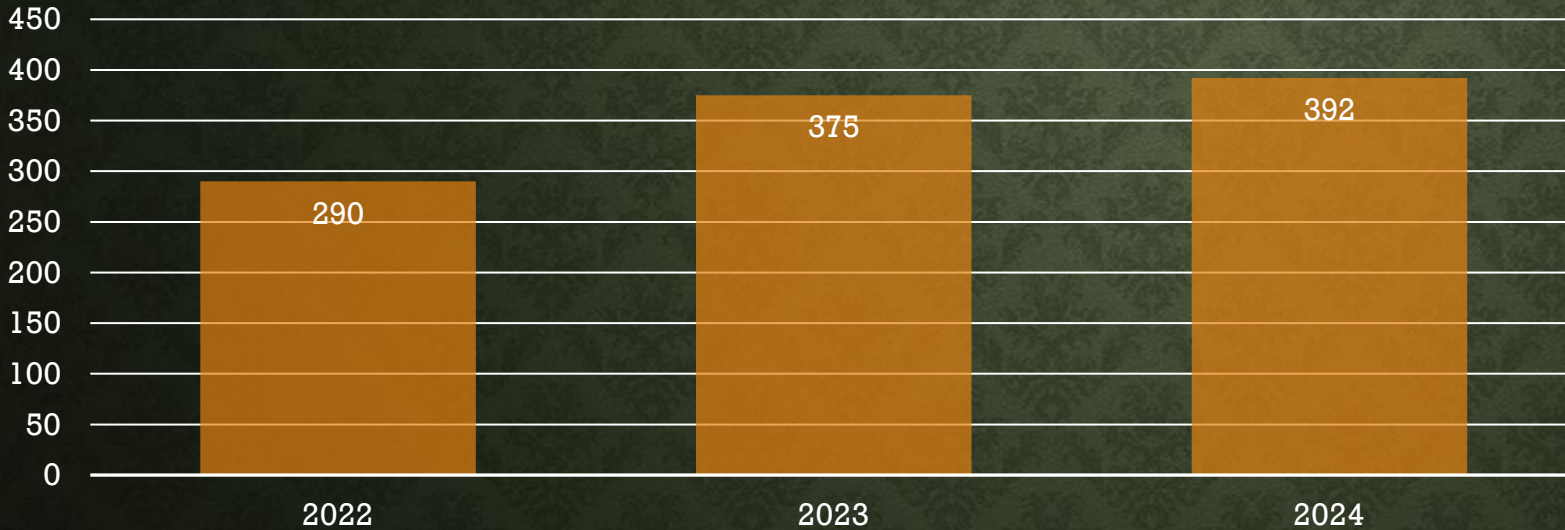
- **Building growth in Putnam County remains strong.**
- **Over the past 3-year period we have seen steady growth in building activity.**
- **The County has seen a significant increase in development, inspections and revenue.**

PERMIT COMPARISON BY YEAR & MONTHLY AVERAGE

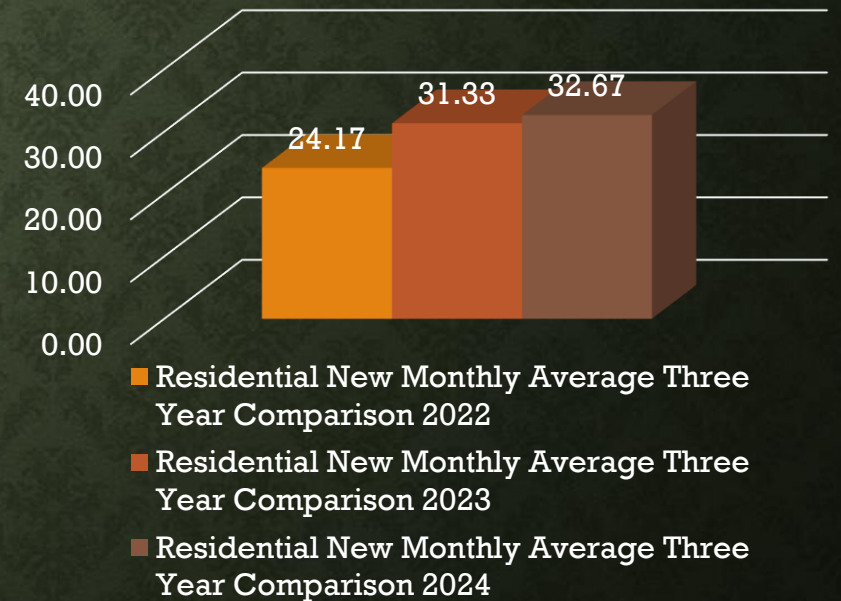


RESIDENTIAL SITE BUILT COMPARISON BY YEAR & MONTHLY AVERAGE

Residential Site Built Three Year Comparison

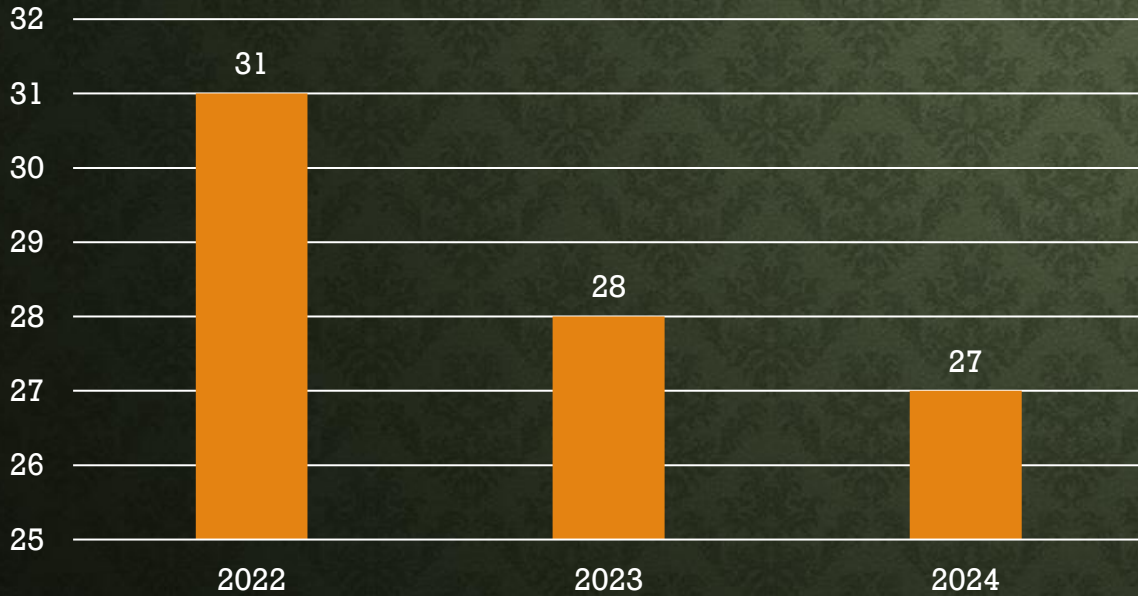


Site Built Monthly Average by Year

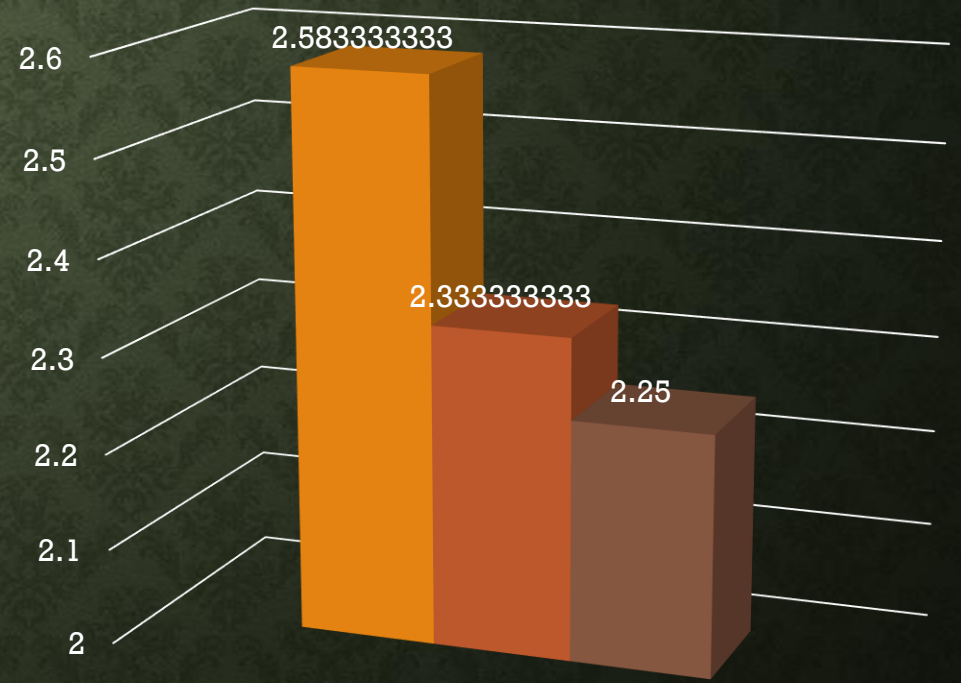


COMMERCIAL PERMIT COMPARISON BY YEAR & MONTHLY AVERAGE

Commercial New Three Year Comparison



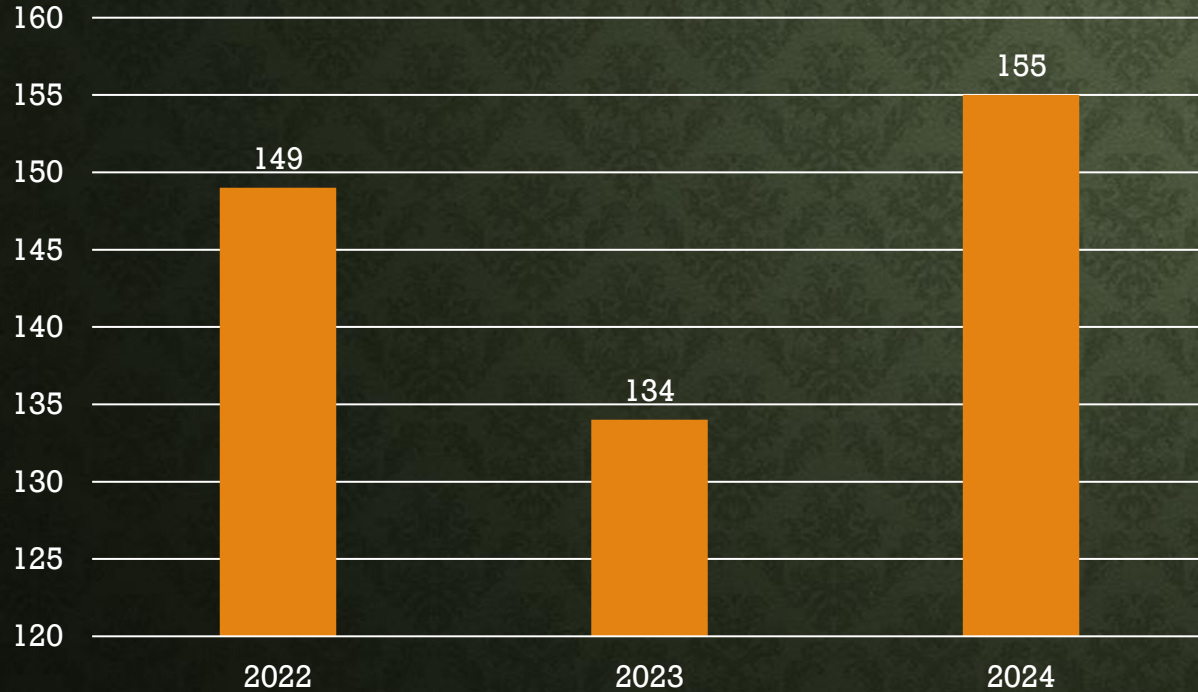
Commercial New Monthly Average Three Year Comparison



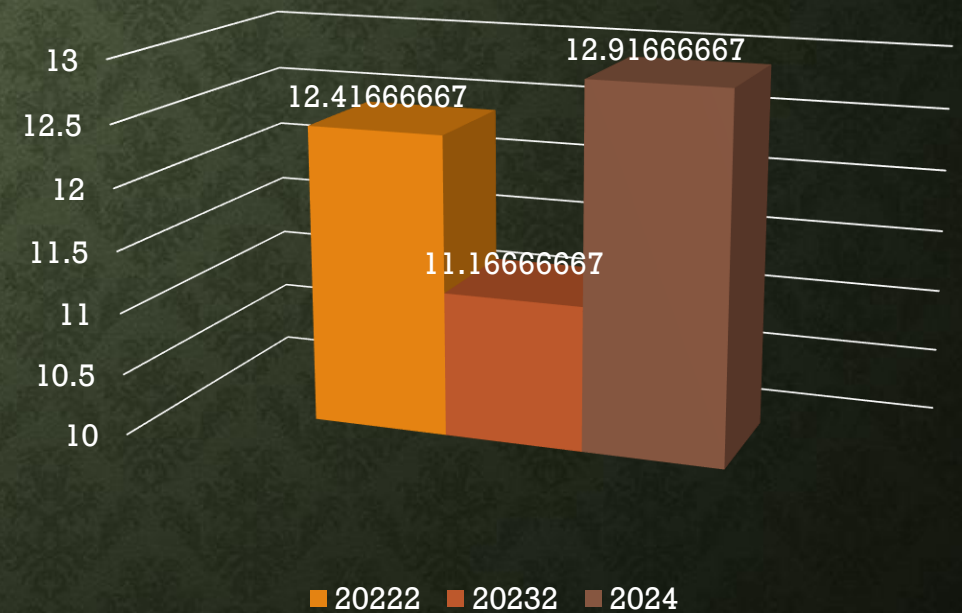
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CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPARISON BY YEAR & MONTHLY AVERAGE

Code Enforcement Three Year Comparison



Code Enforcement Monthly Average Year Comparison



SHORT TERM RENTAL COMPLIANCE

The Planning and Development Department recently added 3 **STR Compliance Vehicles** to the fleet. The department employs 4 **part - time Code Enforcement Officers** that patrol STR areas to ensure that renters follow local ordinances.



Number of Short-Term Rentals in Putnam County:

- *Approved – 154
- *Pending Approval – 29
- *Total STRs - 183

A row of red fire trucks from Putnam County is parked in a lot. The scene is captured at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The fire trucks are arranged in a line, with the closest ones on the left and right sides of the frame. The ground is wet, reflecting the light from the sun. The overall atmosphere is professional and proud.

Putnam County Fire Department

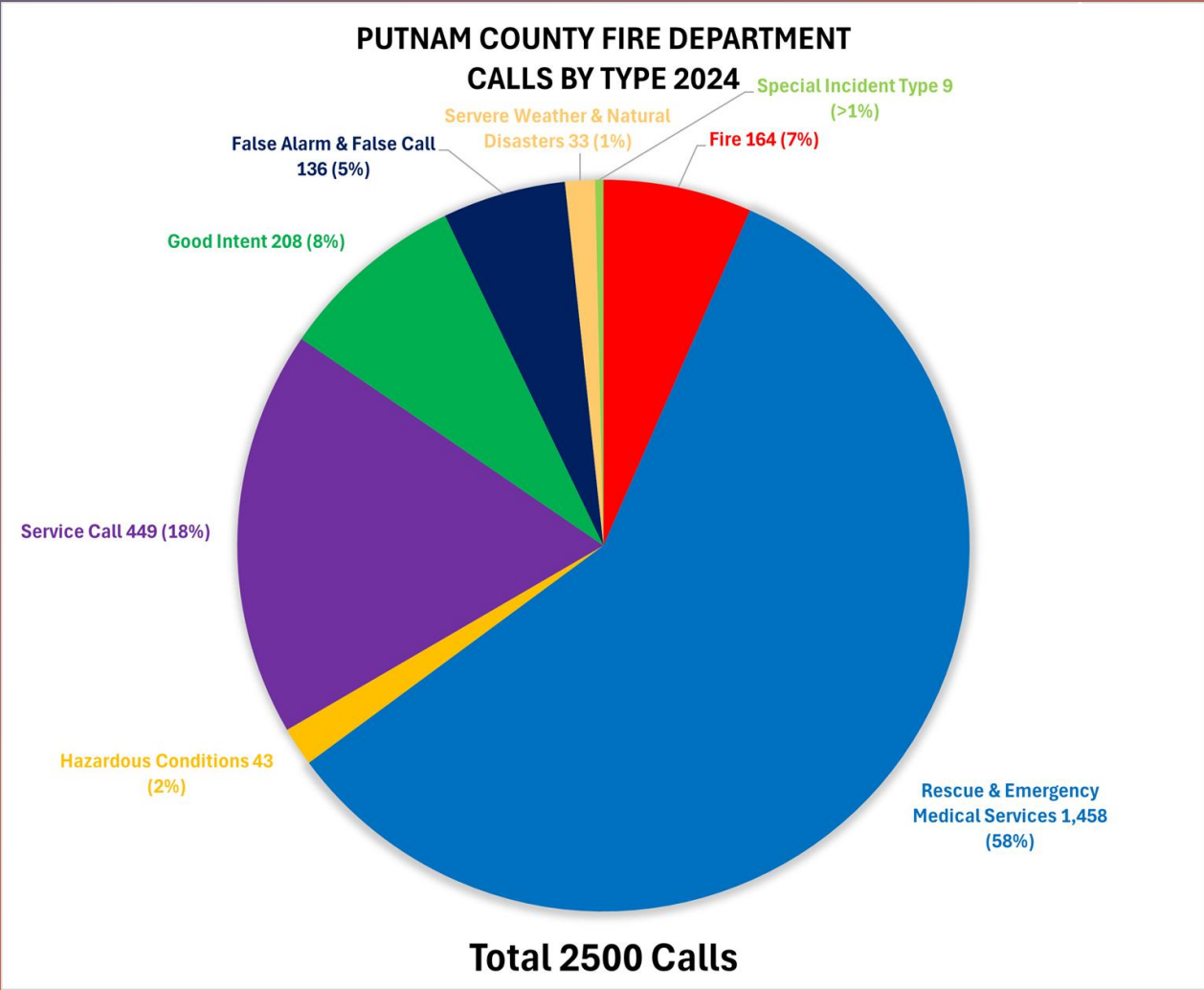
FIRE CHIEF THOMAS McCLAIN

2024



- The mission of Putnam County Fire Department is to protect all citizens and visitors of Putnam County from injury and loss by any direct or indirect threats to life and property by providing fire suppression, rescue operations, fire prevention and education, and emergency medical first-responder services.

Putnam County
Fire Department
received 2500
calls for service
during 2024



**164 Fire Calls including
35 building fires
50 structure fires**





Training hours completed

- Each full-time firefighter completed a minimum of 192 hours of approved fire training to satisfy ISO requirements.

ISO Evaluation 2024

- Putnam County Fire underwent a rigorous ISO evaluation in December of 2024.
- We were evaluated on several categories including:
 - Engine Companies, reserve engines, and pump capacity.
 - Ladder / service companies and reserve ladders
 - Deployment analysis which includes station location relative to population and risk as well as response times.
 - Personnel- how well are we staffed to handle risk present in our community.
 - Training- Each Firefighter must be able to prove that they received at least 192 hours of continuing education annually
 - Operational Considerations- Department Standard Operating Guidelines and Departmental Policy.

Community Risk Reduction

- Putnam County Fire Department is active in our schools through Fire Safety Education and Career Development.
- We encourage community involvement through cooperation with several civic organizations and community boards.





EMS

DIRECTOR BRAD MURPHEY

- Two new ambulances on order
 - All new builds
 - Estimated completion time is February/March 2025

EMS - Jan 2024 - Sept 2024

Calls

Jan-Mar	746
Apr-June	794
Jul-Sept	802
Total	2342



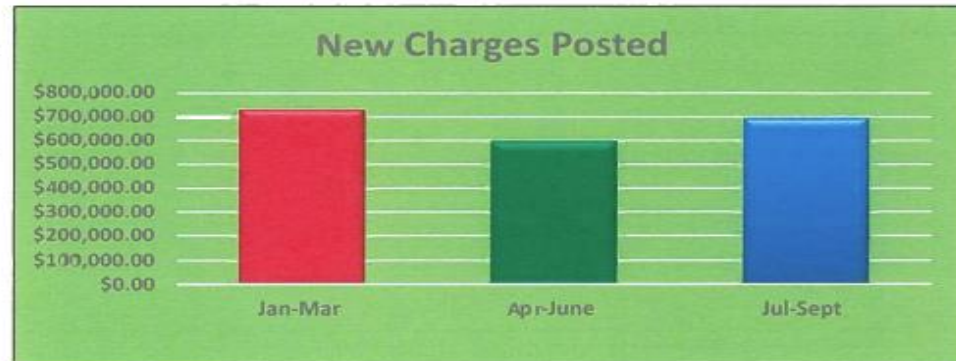
Revenue

Jan-Mar	\$242,600.71
Apr-June	\$295,560.90
Jul-Sept	\$300,833.43
Total	\$838,995.04



New Charges Posted Month

Jan-Mar	\$730,634.56
Apr-June	\$599,858.60
Jul-Sept	\$695,529.13
Total	\$2,026,022.29



PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR ANTHONY FRAZIER

- TSPLOST projects on Scott Road and Sammons Parkway – Both roads completely reconstructed in 2024 using new material that will reduce overall road construction costs significantly in the future
- 2024 LMIG Projects – Beaver Road, Hoot Owl Lane, Long Shoals Avenue, and Section of New Phoenix Road completed
- Significant role played by Public Works in contracting and installing fencing at JDP
- Leveled and resurfaced walking track and access road at JDP
- Replaced more than 30 pieces of subterranean infrastructure throughout the county
- Processed 435 permits for addresses, driveways, and various other road related permits

New LithTec Process at Scott Road and Sammons Industrial Parkway



New Paving Equipment purchased in November 2024



OCONEE SPRINGS PARK (ENTERPRISE FUND)

PARK MANAGERS LONNIE & SUSAN
CAMPBELL

Family Campground on
Beautiful Lake Sinclair

Features:

- Onsite store
- Cabin and campsite rentals
- Beach area
- Recreational areas
- Boat ramp
- Fuel



Aquaglide Inflatable Waterpark



Nighttime View of Edgewater at Lake Sinclair



OCONEE SPRINGS PARK (ENTERPRISE FUND) – Edgewater Event Center

Edgewater Event Center being utilized for birthday/retirement parties, weddings, family reunions, corporate events, church gatherings, ect. Venue details include the following:

- Large covered porch overlooking Lake Sinclair
- Large Lakeside Lawn
- Full Kitchen
- Versatile Floor Plans
- Bose Surround Sound
- 65" Mounted television

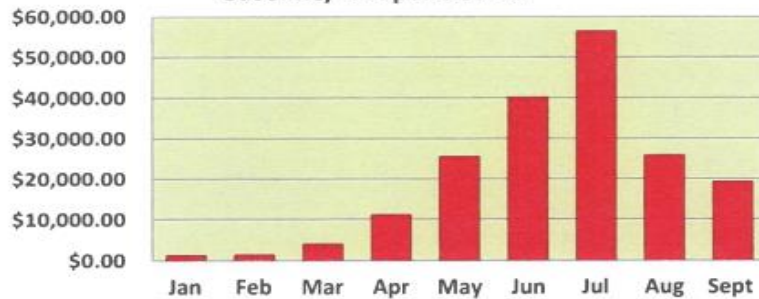
Occupancy: 80 to 100 guests



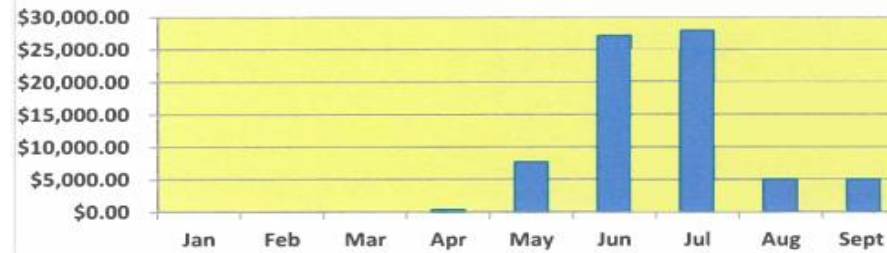
Oconee Springs Park: Jan 2024 - Sept 2024

	Gasoline/ Propane Sales	Merchandise	Dry Storage Fees	Space & Mo. Rentals	Beach Rentals	Total Revenue
Jan	\$1,197.30	\$95.70	\$15.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$5,323.11
Feb	\$1,318.26	\$473.51	\$35.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$4,488.93
Mar	\$4,002.53	\$1,311.44	\$65.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$3,723.21
Apr	\$11,062.62	\$4,417.10	\$150.00	\$830.00	\$300.00	\$16,759.72
May	\$25,473.94	\$11,504.66	\$195.00	\$30.00	\$7,698.23	\$44,901.83
Jun	\$40,078.87	\$17,513.11	\$280.00	\$845.00	\$27,169.00	\$85,885.98
Jul	\$56,489.81	\$19,849.32	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$27,918.00	\$104,442.13
Aug	\$25,757.12	\$9,364.61	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$4,998.99	\$48,008.12
Sept	\$19,249.52	\$5,527.71	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$4,998.99	\$29,846.22
Total	\$184,629.97	\$70,057.16	\$1,140.00	\$4,120.00	\$73,083.21	\$343,379.25

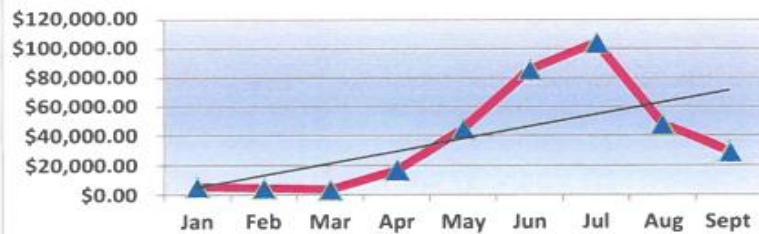
Gasoline/ Propane Sales



Beach Rentals



Total Revenue



Merchandise



Oconee Springs Park Year to Year Comparison

	2024	2023	Variation
Gasoline/Propane	\$184,929.97	\$183,835.08	\$36,943.77
Merchandise	\$70,057.16	\$78,361.31	-\$9304.15
Dry Storage Fees	\$1,140.00	\$960.00	\$180.00
Space and Mo. Rentals	\$4,120.00	\$8,031.73	-\$3911.73
Beach Rentals	\$73,083.21	\$77,292.93	-\$4209.72
Total Revenue	\$343,379.25	\$335,302.35	\$8,076.90

RECREATION

DIRECTOR SCOTT HALEY

- Youth Sports had 1315 participants in 2024
- (1285 Participants in 2023)
- Tennis/Pickleball Improvements
- JDP - New Fencing, Upgraded Basketball Courts, New Playground Equipment, and Landscaping Improvements
- New Scoreboards
- New Windscreens



Tennis/Pickleball Courts at Poole Recreation Center



Outside – 2 Tennis Courts
and 4 Pickleball Courts
Inside – 2 Pickleball Courts

Pickleball Participants



New Scoreboards



JDP New Windscreens



JDP New Basketball Courts



JDP New Fencing



JDP New Playground Equipment





Uncle Remus

GOLF COURSE

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL BENTON

Your Community Golf Course

Serving Putnam County Since 1962

Uncle Remus Golf Course is dedicated to serving the citizens of Putnam County by providing an excellent golf experience for those of all ages and skill levels.

We have given generations of golfers the opportunity to learn the game of golf and we continue to attract new individuals to golf and to Putnam county.



Golf For Everyone

- We offer a Driving Range and Practice Green.
- Players can play 9 Holes or 18 Holes.
- We provide 5 sets of tees, so that all players can find a fun and challenging way to play the course.
- Competitive weekday and weekend rates.
- Annual or monthly options for memberships.
- Discounts for seniors, active-duty military, veterans, and first responders with valid ID.
- Opportunities for group events and fundraising tournaments.

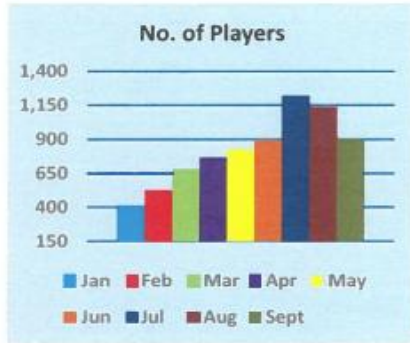


Full Service Pro-Shop

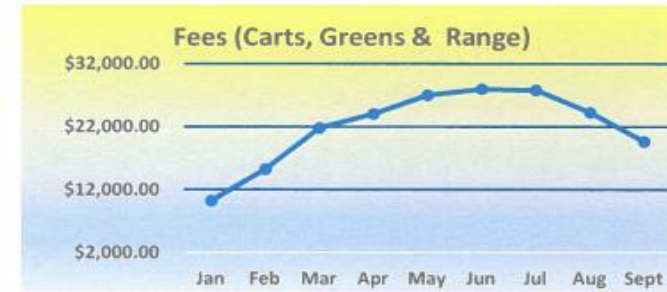
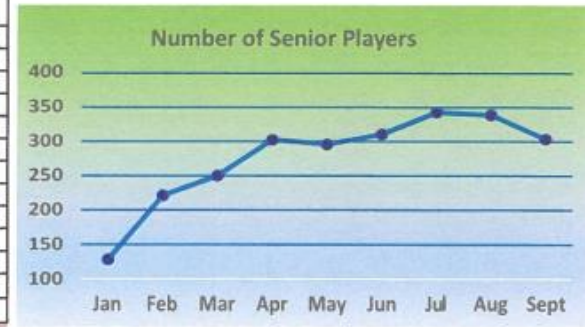


- Concessions – You don't have to leave the course to enjoy a meal during your round. We offer chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, snacks, candy, cold soda, ice cream and more.
- Golf Attire – We have a great selection of high-quality men & women's golf polos, sweatshirts, and hats.
- Golf Gear – We have custom clubs, grips, bags, balls, gloves, and much more.
- Golf Accessories – Show off your favorite team with collegiate ball markers, divot tools, head covers, and towels.
- We also offer club regripping and fittings.

GOLF COURSE DATA: Jan 2024 - Sept 2024



	Merch & Concessions	Number of Rounds	Number of Players	Number of Senior Players	Fees (Carts, Greens & Range)
Jan	\$ 2,346.00	877	411	128	\$ 10,215.00
Feb	\$ 3,177.00	1190	528	221	\$ 15,241.00
Mar	\$ 5,903.00	1401	681	250	\$ 21,800.00
Apr	\$ 5,487.00	1803	766	303	\$ 24,036.00
May	\$ 5,422.00	1879	828	296	\$ 26,998.00
Jun	\$ 7,347.00	1962	898	311	\$ 27,976.00
Jul	\$ 7,412.00	1991	1,220	343	\$ 27,806.00
Aug	\$ 6,118.00	1797	1,138	339	\$ 24,262.00
Sept	\$ 4,758.00	1447	902	304	\$ 19,657.00
Total	\$ 47,970.00	14347	7,372	2495	\$ 197,991.00



Mo.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept			
Rev	\$ 18,815.00	\$ 24,114.00	\$ 33,262.00	\$ 39,224.00	\$ 41,007.00	\$ 43,852.00	\$ 39,342.00	\$ 35,897.00	\$ 28,410.00			



Uncle Remus Golf Course Year to Year Comparison

	2024	2023	Variation
Merch & Concessions	\$47,970.00	\$35,672.96	\$12,287.04
Number of Rounds	14,347	13,165	1,182
Number of Players	7,372	6,300	1072
Number of Senior Players	2,495	1,819	676
Fees (Carts, Greens, Range)	\$197,991.00	\$174,865.96	\$23,125.04
Total Revenue	\$303,923.00	\$249,223.65	\$54,699.35

ANIMAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR CHRISTINE TILLMAN

The department is dedicated to answering the needs of the county's animal population. Daily goals include:

- protecting the health and safety of the public
- enforcing state and local animal protection laws
- promoting responsible pet ownership



ANIMAL SERVICES: Jan 2024 - Sept 2024

	Incoming Calls	Impounded	Adoption/Return to owner	Transfers	Euthanized	After hour calls	Warnings	Citations	Bites
Jan-Mar	152	100	21	18	36	37	12	42	0
Apr-June	304	140	13	26	51	72	6	18	0
Jul-Sept	152	113	14	18	54	37	218	17	0
Total	608	353	48	62	141	146	236	77	0



Adopt A Pet at Putnam County Animal Services

**Toby and his
new family.**



**Catrina is ready to meet her
forever family.**



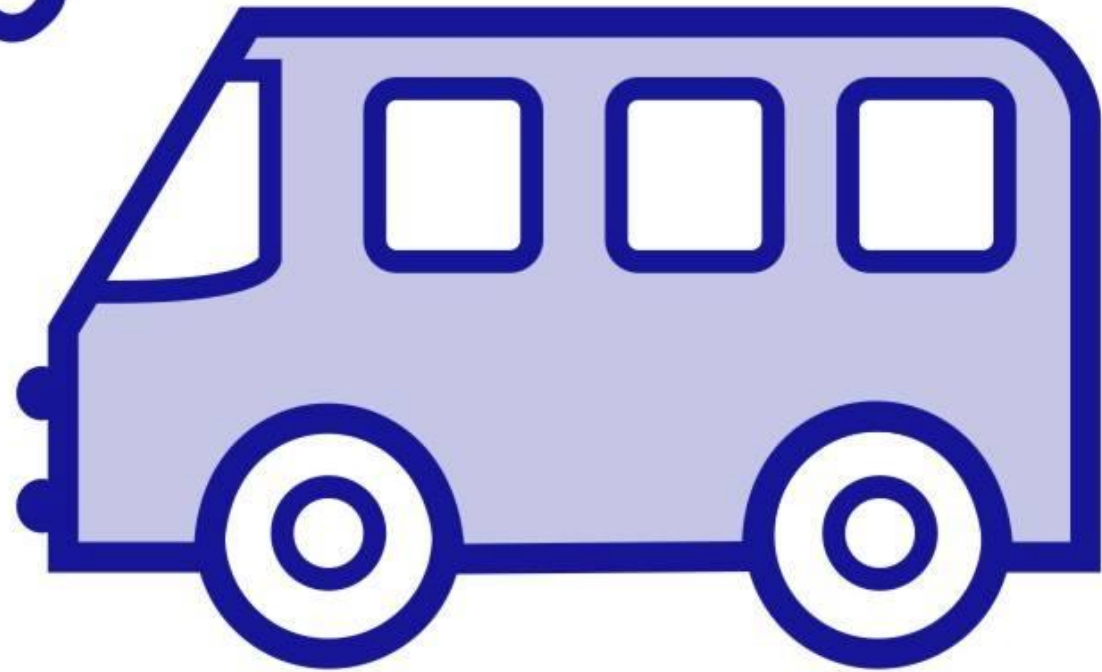
TRANSIT

DIRECTOR DIANNE POUNDS

Two new buses have been added to the fleet.

The department has a total of 3 buses used to provide efficient public transportation to all citizens of Putnam County.

PUTNAM COUNTY



TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

TRANSIT

Month	# of Trips
Jan	994
Feb	1267
Mar	1196
Apr	1218
May	1133
Jun	1043
Jul	1187
Aug	1122
Sept	1053
Total	10,213



2023 Total Trips: 8,812

Cost Per Trip

Local - \$3

Baldwin County - \$10

Lake Oconee Area - \$7

Greene County - \$10

New Transit Bus



What is next on the Horizon? – TSPLOST Projects

Seventy-two miles of Putnam County Roads will be paved in 2025.

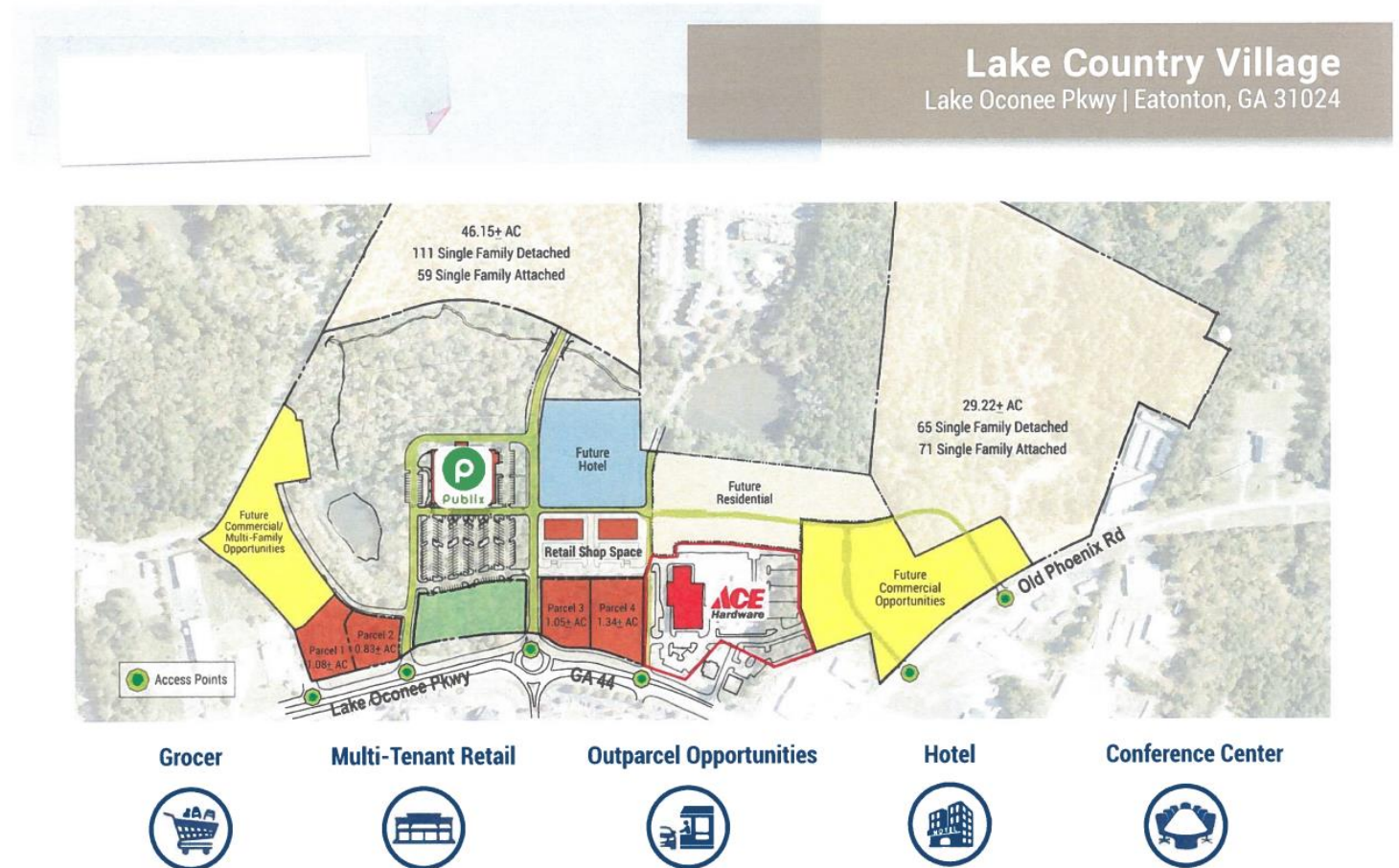
Evaluating for additional roads to be paved will continue.



What is next on the Horizon? – Lake Country Village

The new mixed-use development off Lake Oconee Parkway and Old Phoenix Road will include the following:

- Publix Grocery Store
- Multi-Tenant Retail
- Outparcel Opportunities
- Hotel
- Conference Center



What's Next on the Horizon? – Habitat for Humanity Community

-Proposed development undertaken by the Putnam County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity

-Avant Road to be renamed Jimmy Carter Road and Rosalyn Carter Road as a tribute to the Commitment of President Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter to constructing decent and affordable housing



What's Next on the Horizon? – The Len Resort at Lake Oconee

The Len Resort at Lake Oconee is a \$155 million, 50-acre lakefront development with a projected completion date of May 2026. The resort will bring 160 new jobs to the area.



What's Next on the Horizon? – Rivian Plant Project

After a pause due to high costs, the electric vehicle manufacturer Rivian anticipates work on the project to begin in 2026. The project (located near Social Circle, Georgia) is expected to create 7500 jobs.



What's Next on the Horizon? – Goodwill Helms Farms Development

Goodwill of Middle Georgia hopes to expand into Putnam County. The proposed Goodwill/Southeastern development will include a farm, café, career center, Helms College, farmers market, and a Goodwill training store.



Thank
you!

