

**PUTNAM COUNTY DILAPIDATED & ABANDONED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

# **DAEA**

**THURSDAY, April 4, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Putnam County Dilapidated and Abandoned Enforcement Agency met on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Putnam County Courthouse, Second Floor, Room 221 (formerly room 202).

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by John Smoot, President.
2. Roll call was taken by Judy Graley and a quorum was present.

Members Present: President Mr. John Smoot, Vice President David Coll, Sheriff Bobby Eggleton, Destiny Newcome and Rob Vanater

Members absent: Brett Hodgdon

Staff Present: Judy Graley

Staff Absent: Larry Frye

Others in Attendance:

Glenn Coleman, James Atkins, Attorney and Jason Cummings

3. **MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of MARCH 7, 2024.  
*The motion was made by Sheriff Bobby Eggleton and seconded by Rob Vanater to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*
4. **CITIZEN CONCERNS:** None

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5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** REVIEW OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO RECOMMEND TO COUNTY COMMISSION FOR ACTION:

1. **DAEA CASE 2023-20: 173 Thompson Road, Culloden**

*Staff gave an update regarding the research on trying to locate the owner. The DAEA Board asked staff to contact Eric Embree to ask for advice. Eric Embree is going to prepare an affidavit and public notification. Sheriff Eggleton made a motion to table until Eric Embree can do a public notification. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

2. **DAEA CASE 2023-31: 9 Davis Drive, Hurricane**

*Staff reported that the property owner was originally given until May 2024 to get the property cleaned up and the property owner called and advised staff that the property was cleaned up. Staff conducted an inspection and recommended that this case be dismissed. Sheriff Eggleton made a motion to dismiss. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**3. DAEA CASE 2023-34: 121 Margaret Drive, Nitro**

Staff gave an update on the property and the progress. The owner of the property hired a contractor and had the abandoned structures removed and the site is seeded and mulched. Staff recommended dismissing this case. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to dismiss the case. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. DAEA CASE 2023-41: 558 Sunnybrook Drive, Hurricane**

Staff reported that the property owner has made progress on the cleanup but needs more time to totally get it cleaned up. Jason Cummings, the property owner spoke and asked the DAEA Board for an extension. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to extend the cleanup time for an additional 90 days. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**1. NEW BUSINESS:**

**2. DAEA CASE 2024-04: 11 Bountiful Lane, Winfield**

- a. The complaint was received on 2-29-24.
- b. A site inspection was conducted on 3-8-24 and a certified letter was mailed 3-11-24. The green card has been received.
- c. Mrs. Maynard contacted staff on 4-1-24 and stated that she did not own the property and has never owned the property. The taxes have been in her deceased husband's name since 2013 and has not been paid. She again stated that she does not own the manufactured home.
- d. Staff contacted the assessor's office and explained the situation and they are investigating and will be in touch with our office as soon as possible to advise us who owns the manufactured home. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to table until our office gets clarification from the assessor on ownership of the manufactured home. Destiny Newcome seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. DAEA CASE 2024-05: 42 Black Lick Run Road/2949 N. Poplar Fork Road, Winfield**

- a. The complaint was received on 2-29-24.
- b. A site inspection was conducted on 3-8-24 and a certified letter was mailed 3-11-24. The green card has not been received but the property owner received notice.
- c. The property owner and attorney Jamies Atkins telephoned staff on 4-2-24 to discuss the matter. Staff explained the process and the owner advised that Jamie will speak on her behalf at the public meeting.
- d. Jamie Atkins, esq., spoke and touched briefly on the DAEA Ordinance and staff's findings. He stated that the property owner's brother resides in the double wide and the single wide is a storage building. He stated that the occupant buys and sells scrap and that the photographs are for only one day. He stated that the property changes day to day with his scrapping. Rob Vanater spoke up and stated that he travels that road frequently and that the abandoned vehicles, scrap, tires etc. has been that way for many years. John Smoot stated that the scrap and debris is a safety hazard, and it will make it difficult for emergency services to get to the residence. Sheriff Eggleton stated that he received a complaint also and he made a visit to the property and spoke to the occupant and the occupant stated

that he would comply with the cleanup. The abandoned vehicles are in violation of State Code and need to be removed. Destiny Newcome stated that the tires are a health safety due to the stagnant water and mosquitos. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to extend the cleanup of the property for an additional 90 days. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **DAEA CASE 2024-06: 167 Black Lick Run Road, Winfield**
  - a. The complaint was received on 2-29-24.
  - b. A site inspection was conducted on 3-8-24 and a certified letter was mailed 3-11-24. The green card has not been received so no discussion.
  
5. **DAEA CASE 2024-07: 2042 North Poplar Fork Road, Hurricane**
  - a. The complaint was received on 3-8-24.
  - b. A site inspection was conducted on 3-8-24 and a certified letter was mailed 3-11-24. The green card was received on 3-20-24.
  - c. The property owner has not contacted staff regarding the cleanup. Rob Vanater made a statement that the property was recently logged and the property is looking better.
  - d. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to revisit this case next month in hopes that the property owner will be in contact with staff. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  
6. **DAEA CASE 2024-08: 1059 North Poplar Fork Road, Hurricane**
  - a. The complaint was received on 2-29-24.
  - b. A site inspection was conducted on 3-8-24 and a certified letter was mailed 3-11-24. The green card has not been received so no discussion.
  
7. **DAEA CASE 2024-09: 4587 Bowles Ridge Road, Liberty**
  - a. The complaint was received on 3-18-24.
  - b. A site inspection was conducted on 3-18-24 and a certified letter was mailed 3-19-24. The green card was received.
  - c. The property owner, Glenn Coleman contacted staff on 3-29-24 and stated that he is working on cleaning up the property.
  - d. The property owner spoke and asked the DAEA Board for an additional six months to get his property cleaned up. He stated that he is elderly and will need help. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton stated that he could get in touch with his neighbor Mr. Williams to help with the cleanup. Mr. Coleman is going to get the neighbor to help.
  - e. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to extend the cleanup time for an additional six months. Rob Vanater seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  
8. **OLD BUSINESS: None**
  
9. **STAFF REPORT:**
  - a. David Coll, Planning Director gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan Update for 2024 and beyond.
  - b. A couple DAEA Board members time to be a member of the DAEA Board are expiring next month and County Commission is working on an Order to extend their time.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Sheriff Bobby Eggleton made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 am. David Coll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Minutes respectfully submitted for approval:

Date: 5/2/24

Board President:

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Board Vice President:

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