

August 21, 2020

Mr. Terry Suggs  
Putnam County Board of County Commissioners  
2509 Crill Avenue, Suite 200  
Palatka, FL 32177

Dear Mr. Suggs:

I have enclosed the second quarter 2020 Putnam County Economic Development Activity Report.

If you have questions regarding this report, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Brian A. Bergen  
Vice President of Economic Development  
Putnam County Chamber of Commerce

# **Putnam County Economic Development Activity Report**

***April 2020-June 2020***

Pursuant to the provisions of the Economic Development Agreement made and entered into between the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners and the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

## ***1. New & Existing Business Development:***

- Coordinated prospect visits and served as their liaison with governmental entities and agencies as appropriate. Hosted 2 on-site prospect visit and client meeting with Congressman Yoho.
- Responded to 3 requests for information from firms considering Putnam County.
- Worked with local businesses on CARES Act funding applications (PPP, EIDL) and other pandemic caused issues associated with COVID-19.
- Continued to provide technical assistance to businesses; these included manufacturers, consultants, retail, and commercial businesses, mostly concerning pandemic concerns.
- Continue retention visits and meetings to local business remotely.

## ***2. Related Agencies:***

- Maintained working relationships with Enterprise Florida, the Department of Economic Opportunity, JAXUSA Partnership, various utilities, North Florida Economic Development Partnership, the Florida Economic Development Council, and other economic development agencies and assisted with regional COVID-19 responses.
- Attended JAXUSA quarterly meeting and monthly meeting remotely.
- Met with Congressman Yoho's staff on economic development updates.
- Met with FPL regarding economic development support (remotely).

## ***3. Other Activities:***

- Continued meetings with building owners to market Putnam County and their properties located in Putnam County.
- Made and received many calls regarding COVID-19 stimulus mostly from small businesses.
- Worked with workforce development partners regarding unemployment and potential retraining needs.
- Made calls to hotels and restaurants, along with other small businesses to assist with COVID-19 related concerns and stimulus assistance.