

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS
APPROVAL OF BILLS
MINUTES

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)
Check Registers
NOVEMBER 2022
Regular meeting minutes October 11, 2022
Called meeting minutes October 13, 2022

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS
ELECTED OFFICIALS
 TAX COMMISSIONER
 PROBATE
 SUPERIOR COURT CLERK
 SHERIFF
FAMILY CONNECTIONS
LIBRARY
FIRE
EMA DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Re-appointment & New appointment for Planning & Zoning Board-
Dorothy Geddings, Alma Willis

ACTION ITEM

Re-appointment & New appointment for Recreation
Board Jimmy Eleby, Carman Robinson
Ordinance 03-2022 changing FY end -1st READING

ACTION ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carvel Lewis at 6:33 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial Officer Teri Odom.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion made by Bussey to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments at this time. There were no public comments at this time.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

Motion made by Bussey to approve the previous month's check register. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Kinsey to approve the bills. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MINUTES

September 13, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

September 20, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks stated that Ameripro EMS took over on October 1, 2022. Weeks said that so far everything has been going smoothly. Weeks stated that he will have a report for the next Regular Commission meeting.

LANDFILL- Weeks reported that inspection at the landfill went well. We will not have another inspection for 3 years. He stated that we do not accept tires at the landfill but

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people will dump them all throughout the County and the Road Dept. will go around the County and pick up tires that have been thrown out. There is a company that comes and picks them up but we have to pay for this service. They picked up 500 tires throughout the County. It cost the County \$3.00 per tire for light car passenger tires.

DEEP SOUTH RECYCLING- Weeks explained that Mr. Shoemaker from Deep South Recycling picked all the scrap metal up that we had at the landfill. We received a check for \$8515.00. Mr. Shoemaker is going to set an open top dumpster at the landfill for scrap metal and he will come pull it when it's full and send a check for the metal.

BID OPENING- Weeks stated that the bid opening for the land clearing on the 8 acres on US HWY 82 will be here at the Commission Board room on November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

OLD GYM- Weeks reported the Recreation board is interested in getting the roof on the old gym coated. Chairman Eleby of the Recreation board has received a quote for putting a new coating on the roof in the amount of \$19,500.00. The Recreation board wanted the approval from the Commission board before they made the decision on spending the money in their budget to have this done. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to move forward with the Recreation Board having the Old gym roof coated for the quote received of \$19,500.00. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Recreation board moving forward with having the Old gym roof coated in the amount of \$19,500.00. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Weeks asked the Commissioners to set a date for a work session to discuss LMIG, Helipad, and increasing the mileage rate, meal rate, and per diem amount.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

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NEW BUSINESS-

HOLIDAY AND MEETING SCHEDULE 2023- Chairman Lewis asked everyone to look over the holiday and meeting schedule for 2023. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the holiday and meeting schedule for 2023. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis asked for nominations for the Water & Sewer Authority board appointment. Commissioner Bussey nominated Jeff McMiller. Commissioner Blackmon nominated Amy Self. Chairman Lewis asked who all is in favor of Amy Self. There were 3 votes for Amy Self. Chairman Lewis asked who all is in favor of Jeff McMiller. There were 2 votes for Jeff McMiller. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Amy Self to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. **Motion made by Blackmon to appoint Amy Self to the Water & Sewer Authority board. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R10-2022 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST ACTION BY THE SWGRDA- Chairman Lewis asked that this be added to the work session. Chairman Lewis asked the other Commissioners to look at their calendar to set a work session date. Work session was set for Thursday October 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2022
2:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 2:17 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the additions of Code Enforcement, Quitman Co. Library, Michelle's Restaurant, Holiday event dates, and Executive session to discuss pending litigation. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

LMIG- Chairman Lewis explained the acronym LMIG stands for- Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. Chairman Lewis went over the different road paving projects and the cost. Castellow Rd. project cost \$119,082.50 dollars. Hatcher Rd. project cost \$160,281.25 dollars. Bonapartes Retreat Rd. project cost \$27,312.50 dollars. Old 39 Rd. project cost \$59,828.75 dollars. The total cost of the road projects is \$425,145.80 dollars. We received \$190,206.00 dollars for LMIG for 2022. We will have to use \$234,939.80 dollars from TSPLOST to complete all the projects. We will have a balance of \$440,244.00 dollars left in TSPLOST. Vice Chairman stated that he has noticed that the road going into the Dollar General is breaking down really bad. Commissioner Kinsey said he has noticed this as well and mentioned it to County Manager Weeks. Chairman Lewis suggested that we take the left- over funds and repair the portion of High Street that is breaking down due to the volume of traffic going into the Dollar General. Chairman Lewis also mentioned that the portion of the Library parking lot that is currently crush and run needs to be paved. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the LMIG road repair/paving projects to include High Street. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the LMIG road repair/paving projects and to include a portion of High Street pending the cost as discussed. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

LIBRARY- Chairman Lewis stated that we need to get the cost on paving the parking lot at the Library that is currently covered with the crush and run.

HELIPAD- Chairman Lewis explained that Mr. Dee Willis gave a quote for pouring the concrete for the helipad and a concrete walkway behind the Probate Office. This would be for the Emergency service helicopter to land on and the walkway is for rolling the stretcher across to get people onto the helicopter. The quote received was for \$15,000.00 dollars this includes the concrete and paint. Commissioner Kinsey asked if Weeks had checked into all of the Federal regulations and inspections that is required to have a helipad. Commissioner Kinsey stated that he will help with this project since he has previous knowledge from his experience with working with the hospital.

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Motion made by Hayes to approve the quote of \$15,000.00 dollars to be paid out of ARPA funds for the concrete helipad, concrete walkway and paint pending approval of all Federal and State regulations. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

INCREASE MILEAGE RATE- Chairman Lewis explained that we currently are at .50 cent per mile for the mileage rate. The IRS current rate is 62.5 cent. After some discussion, a **motion was made by Kinsey to increase the mileage rate from .50 cent to 62.5 cent. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

INCREASE PER DIEM & MEAL RATE- Chairman Lewis asked if this could be looked at a later date. After some discussion, it was decided that this would be looked at a later time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Chairman Lewis stated that he has had several people question the code violations that are being brought to court. Chairman Lewis asked that a meeting be set up between the Probate Judge, County Manager Weeks, and himself to discuss code violations.

LIBRARY- Chairman Lewis asked that if there are any meetings to be held in the County to remember the Library as a place to meet. It has a large and small meeting room.

MICHELLES RESTAURANT- Chairman Lewis shared with everyone that the owners of Michelle's Restaurant have approached him about turning a large storage area in the restaurant into a market to sell fresh meat, produce and bread. They have also reached out to the Local Economic Development Board for any assistance that they can provide.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Blackmon to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to close executive session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Hayes to reopen regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated that pending litigation was the discussion of Executive Session and as a result Chairman Lewis called for a motion to approve and send Resolution R10-2022 to the Southwest Georgia Reg. Dev. Authority Board requesting that the MOU between Silicon Ranch and Southwest Georgia Reg. Dev. Authority be updated to indicate that the non-profits that would receive Silicon Ranch funds for 2023 be updated to reflect the Georgetown-Quitman County Civic League that has a 501 © 3 and the Quitman County Public Library and furthermore that MOU will be held until such time that independent counsel can determine if this Commission Board can sue the Southwest Georgia Reg, Dev. Authority for the \$15,000.00 dollars that was given to Angel Dog Rescue and not to the predetermined organizations that were approved by the two representatives from Georgetown-Quitman County Leslie Culver and Carvel Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve and send Resolution R10-2022 to the Southwest Georgia Regional Dev. Authority Board requesting that the MOU between Silicon Ranch and Southwest Georgia Regional Dev. Authority be updated to indicate that the non-profits that would receive Silicon Ranch funds for 2023 be updated to reflect the Georgetown-Quitman County Civic League that has a 501 © 3 and the Quitman County Public Library and furthermore that MOU will be held until such time that independent**

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counsel can determine if this Commission Board can sue the Southwest Georgia Reg. Dev. Authority for the \$15,000.00 dollars that was given to Angel Dog Rescue and not to the predetermined organizations that were approved by the two representatives from Georgetown-Quitman County Leslie Culver and Carvel Lewis. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

_____NOT PRESENT_____
Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager