

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 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
DECEMBER 2022
Regular meeting minutes November 8, 2022
Called meeting minutes November 16, 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

Ordinance 03-2022 changing FY end -2nd READING

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Resolution R11-2022 E-911 Budget

ACTION ITEM

Resolution R12-2022 Law Library Budget

ACTION ITEM

Resolution R13-2022 General Budget

ACTION ITEM

Resolution R14-2022 Emergency Services Assessment Fund

ACTION ITEM

Resolution R15-2022 Tax Levy Resolution-Collier McKenzie

ACTION ITEM

Resolution R16-2022 Surplus Vehicles

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 Board Meeting

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carvel Lewis at 6:35 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (County Clerk Carolyn Wilson and Danny Blackmon were not present.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the MOU between The Unified Government of Georgetown-Quitman County and The Local Economic Development Authority for Real property off of State Rd 50. **Motion made by Kinsey to amend the agenda to add the MOU between The Local Economic Development Authority and The Unified Government of Georgetown-Quitman County for Real property off of State Rd 50. Second by Hayes.**

Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey Hayes, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments at this time. Mrs. Mary McCarthy wanted to thank the Commissioners for their hard work and she appreciates everything they do. She stated that if there is anything she can do to be of assistance to let her know.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

Motion made by Hayes to approve the previous month's check register. Second by Kinsey.

Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

October 11, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

October 13, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Lewis.

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MANAGER'S REPORT- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks gave the EMS report for October.

BID OPENING- Weeks stated that the bid opening for the land clearing on the 8 acres on US HWY 82 was held here and the bids came in quite a bit higher than the grant money that is available. Weeks explained they are trying to see if there is any in-kind work that we can do to cut cost before it can be awarded.

GDOT- Weeks stated that Vice Chairman Blackmon and himself spent a good portion of the day with Scott Purvis with GDOT. They went to several roads throughout the County that need repairs. Weeks explained that we are waiting to receive a response back from GDOT to see if we can get some of these road projects taken care off under the “quick response program” from GDOT.

TAX ASSESSOR LETTER- Weeks explained that we received a letter from the Tax Assessor Board stating that Isabel Stovall has passed all of the courses required to become an Appraiser III. TAZ technical appraisal services will finish out this year and we will be on an on-call basis going forward.

Weeks asked the Commissioners to set a work session to discuss the budget.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave her report. Ms. Sara Lee stated that Quitman County Family Connection has been awarded \$34,000.00 from Congressman Sanford D. Bishop’s office to assist them with their efforts in supporting parents and children with early learning strategies and school success. Quitman, as part of the 2nd Congressional District under Bishop, will received the funds over two years as part of the collaborative’s strategic plan to bring programs such as The Basics of Quitman County, The Basics insight Text Messaging services and more early learning initiatives to Georgetown-Quitman County families. Ms. Sara Lee also explained the first Parent Café of the new school will be November 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Neighborhood Community Service Center. Guest speaker will be Brittney Dixon-Jones of Eufaula. A small dinner will be served,

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and the public is invited. Ms. Sara Lee went onto say that Quitman County Family Connection is partnering with CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care this year. Ms. Sara Lee wanted to let everyone know that if they are interested in helping, to please contact her at the Quitman County Family connection office for a list of items requested.

Library- Chairman Lewis read over the Library report that was submitted. Librarian Mrs. Betty Fair stated in her report that the Library continues to improve. Mrs. Fair and her staff thank the community for their continued support. The library has a book club that meets once a month for reading, reviews, and/or crafts. Mrs. Fair invites everyone to come join them and express their interest in the books that they would like to read, and/or join them in craft making. The library is starting a craft day every Wednesday. Face painting will be all month long at the Library. They are also having “Family movie day” on Fridays from 2-4 p.m. Crochet classes will start November 29, 2022 every other Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Beginners and Advanced are welcome.

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

NEW BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE 03-2022 CHANGING FY END – Chairman Lewis explained that this Ordinance is to change the FY end. The FY will be from July 1-June 30 of every year. Chairman Lewis read the Ordinance in its entirety. He stated this was the 1st reading of Ordinance 03-2022.

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING & ZONING BOARD- Chairman Lewis explained that we have a reappointment and a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning board. Mrs. Dorothy Geddings has agreed to continue to serve and Mr. Henry Balkcom III has asked to be replaced. Ms. Alma Willis has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board. **Motion made by Kinsey to reappoint Dorothy Geddings and appoint Ms. Alma Willis to the Planning & Zoning Board. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION BOARD- Chairman Lewis stated that there are two appointments available on the Recreation Board. Mr. Jimmy Eleby has agreed to continue to serve and Mrs. Carmen Robinson has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Board. **Motion made by Hayes to reappoint Mr. Jimmy Eleby and appoint Mrs. Carmen Robinson to the Recreation Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

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**MOU BETWEEN THE UNIFIED GOV'T OF GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY
AND THE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR REAL
PROPERTY OFF OF STATE RD 50-**

Chairman Lewis read the MOU between The Unified Gov't of Georgetown-Quitman county and The Local Economic Development Authority to transfer Real property off of State Rd 50. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the MOU between The Unified Gov't of Georgetown-Quitman county and The Local Economic Development Authority to transfer Real property off of State Rd 50. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

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
NOVEMBER 16, 2022
2:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 2:11 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. County Manager Jason Weeks. Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Bussey was listening via phone.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the additions of Enterprise fleet Management presentation and College & Career Academy. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION- Chairman Lewis introduced Mr. Tajae Bodrick with Enterprise Fleet management. Mr. Bodrick thanked all the Commissioners for allowing him to come and give his presentation. Mr. Bodrick went over his presentation and after some discussion Mr. Bodrick stated he will get more information that the Commissioners requested and get back with County Manager Jason Weeks.

BEER & WINE GEORGETOWN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT dba DEPOT FOOD STORE- Chairman Lewis went over the Beer & Wine application for Georgetown Business Management dba Depot Food store. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the Beer & Wine application for Depot Food store. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

BEER & WINE GEORGETOWN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT dba QUICK SERVE- Chairman Lewis went over the Beer & Wine application for Georgetown Business Management dba Quick Serve store. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Beer & Wine application for Quick Serve store. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

SIX MONTH BUDGET FY 2023- Chairman Lewis asked Financial Officer Odom to open the discussion on the six-month budget for FY 2023. Financial Officer Odom explained different things on the budget. After a lengthy discussion, Odom stated that this cannot be voted on until the December regular commission meeting after the Public Hearing.

GEFA DRINKING WATER LOAN DW2022017 RESOLUTION R15-2022- Chairman Lewis asked County Manager to go over R15-2022 drinking water loan resolution. County Manager Weeks stated that we applied for funds for Radio read meters, additional fire hydrants, and to put the loop back in our main on US Hwy 82 and Lower Lumpkin Hwy. Weeks explained that this was approved at the GEFA board meeting. We applied for \$760,000.00. They approved the loan for 50% of the total applied for. Weeks stated that the Commission Board already approved using ARPA funds for the difference. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the GEFA drinking water loan DW2022017 Resolution R15-2022. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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WATER RATES- Chairman Lewis explained that the Water & Sewer Authority Board is requesting to go up on the Water, Sewer, and Solid waste rates for residents and add a new Commercial rate for businesses that will begin as of 2023. Mrs. Joyce Jones the Chairman of the Water & Sewer Authority Board was present to answer any questions that the Commissioners may have. The base rate for Water and Sewer in the City will go from \$67.00 to \$75.50 which is an increase of \$8.50 monthly. The base rate for Water in the County will go from \$37.00 to \$43.00 which is an increase of \$6.00 monthly. The proposed increase for Solid waste will go from \$14.50 to \$18.00 per month. Chairman Lewis asked Mrs. Joyce Jones about the rate for Whispering Pines. Mrs. Joyce Jones explained that the rates are going up for Whispering Pines. They are receiving a \$2.00 per lot discount for Solid Waste. The reason for the discount is because we don't have to provide each lot with a trash can and we do not have to generate a bill for each resident and handle the collection from each resident. There increase is the same percentage as everyone else across the entire County. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the Water, Sewer, & Solid waste increase for 2023. **Motion made by Hayes to move forward with the increase of the Water, Sewer, & Solid Waste rates for 2023. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. (Commissioner Blackmon had to leave but expressed he was in favor of the increase.)

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MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 3:48 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

NOT PRESENT
Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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