

**AGENDA  
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time allocated 10-minute's total)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS  
MONTH CHECK REGISTERS **APPROVED**  
APPROVAL OF BILLS **APPROVED**

MINUTES Regular Meeting Minutes October 8, 2019 **APPROVED**  
Called Meeting Minutes October 22, 2019 **APPROVED**  
Called Meeting Minutes November 5, 2019 **APPROVED**

MONTHLY REPORTS MANAGER'S REPORT  
EMS  
FIRE  
FAMILY CONNECTIONS  
PROBATE JUDGE

OLD BUSINESS

\*ACTION ITEM\*

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NEW BUSINESS

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**ALL REAPPOINTED**

Water Board appointments-Derrick Norris & Carrie Culver  
Recreation Board appointments-Kathy Hayes & Jimmy Eleby  
Planning & Zoning Board appointments-Henry Balkcom III &  
Dorothy Geddings

CDBG **APPROVED**  
Region 7 EMS Advisory Council Board Appt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES Johnnie Kent-Placing Bibles at the School –**NO ACTION**

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MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Attorney Tracy Cary, County Manager Jason Weeks, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-** Motion made by Hayes to add The Point and Executive Session to the agenda. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**HEADSTART PROCLAMATION-** Chairman Lewis asked Tracy Belk with ESP to come forward to receive the Head start Proclamation. Ms. Belk thanked the commission for their support.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** A citizen wanted to address the Commissioners about dogs being on chains. She would like to see the law change on dogs being chained up. Chairman Lewis stated that they would have to look into getting an Ordinance put in place to change the law on this issue.

Tax Commissioner Mindy Moss came and spoke to the commission about the tax sale that was held on October 1, 2019. Moss had one property that was up for sale and that property sold. Probate Judge Matt Self-addressed the Commissioners about withdrawing his company's rock hauling bid. He stated that he would like to withdraw the bid until there is a policy put in place regarding the County doing business with elected officials. Chairman Lewis thanked Judge Self and stated that he and his family are in the same situation in regards to doing business with the County.

A citizen addressed the board about the EMS Fee on his tax bill. The citizen wanted to know if you did not pay the EMS Fee would a lien be added to your property. Tax Commissioner Mindy Moss explained that when you pay your tax bill the EMS Fee is applied first and the rest goes towards your taxes therefore your property would not have a lien put against it do to non-

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payment of the EMS Fee however your property would have a lien placed against it for failure to pay the taxes in full.

### **PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

**Motion made by Blackmon to approve previous month check register. Second by Kinsey.**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS - Motion made by Kinsey to approve the bills as presented.**

**Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes –Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

### **MINUTES**

**September 10, 2019 Regular meeting minutes - Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes Blackmon, and Lewis.

**September 24, 2019 Called meeting minutes-Motion made by Kinsey to approve the minutes of the Called meeting. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at the called meeting.)

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Weeks reported that he did not receive the total calls report for the month of September. He should receive the report in the next few days and will give that report at the next regular commission meeting. Grady is going to send a representative next week to do a walk thru on the Old Dental office that will soon house EMS.

**LMIG FUNDS-** Weeks explained that the 2019 LMIG projects (Ridgeview, Meadowview, Hilltop, and Kinsey Street) are almost complete. The paving is done we are just waiting for a curing period to finish the striping. We came in under budget so we were able to do some repair work on some other roads with those funds that were in that budget. Tim Simpson with Barrett and Simpson Engineering has a list of roads for the LMIG 2020 funds.

**CDBG PROJECT-** Weeks reported there was a bid opening on October 3, 2019 in the Commission Board room. Weeks stated that we received 3 bids. The lowest bid came in at \$546,850.00. We currently have \$291,863.00 for this project, which leaves a budget shortfall of \$254,987.00.

**LOWER LUMPKIN BRIDGE** - Weeks has been keeping up with the progress on the bridge. Weeks stated that this project is ahead of schedule.

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**HEALTH DEPT.** - The Health inspector Brad Carter asked Weeks to bring notice to the Commission board that you must now go thru the Health Dept. and get a permit to put a private well in on your property. Previously you did not have to do this but this is now state law.

**FIRE DEPT. REPORT-** Fire Chief Pate was present at the meeting and delivered his report. He stated that they had a six-minute response time for the month of September. They have training every Monday night. They usually have an average of 15-17 volunteers per training. They have 25 volunteers. Each Fire fighter has an average of 117 hours of training for the year. They met with Brad Taylor our EMA director to discuss active shooter response to figure out the Fire Depts. roll if a situation like that occurred. The blue reflectors are being put out by the Fire Dept. These are to help the fire dept. with locating fire hydrants. Pate reported that the smoke detector program is going good. The American Red Cross gives the smoke detectors to the Fire Dept. to install in homes. We only receive enough smoke detectors to be able to do 20 homes. He is looking into purchasing more smoke detectors to be able to do more homes. Pate went over the Pillowcase Program that the Red Cross offers. The Red Cross will be here on October 30, 2019 to meet with the Fire Dept. at the school. This is a national youth preparedness program to help children/youth understand natural disasters not just fire safety. They will be presenting this to the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Pate is getting quotes on repairs with the apparatus at Morris Station.

**PROBATE REPORT-** Probate Judge Self reported to the Commission Board that it has been a busy month. The state troopers are writing tickets manually because their computer system was hacked. Self stated there were 16 paid in full tickets, 7 weapons carry licenses', and 8 probated estates for the previous month.

**LIBRARY-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Chairman Lewis updated everyone that Family Connections budget has been cut. We, as the Fiscal agent, will help fill in with the budget shortfall. Lewis stated that Sara Lee Crumbs is doing a great job for the County.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**REGIONAL EMS APPOINTMENT-** Chairman Lewis asked all the Commissioners to be thinking of someone that would be willing to serve on this Board. Lewis asked Fire Chief Pate if he or his wife would be willing to serve. Pate said they would talk it over and get back with the Commissioners. Deputy Tyler addressed the board about the ambulance service here in Quitman County. Tyler said that there are several issues that the Commissioners need to be aware of and

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look into. Fire Chief Pate agreed with Tyler about the service or the lack of service that Quitman County is receiving. Probate Judge Self added that he himself as a volunteer firefighter has observed that when the fire dept. is on a call the ambulance will leave the scene before the fire is out. He said they need the ambulance and EMT's there for them in case one of them were to need some type of medical help. Weeks will setup a meeting with the director Randy Williams at Grady to go over these issues.

**ORDINANCE 06-2019 TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER-** Chairman Lewis stated this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on the Telecommunication tower ordinance. **Motion made by Hayes to approve Ordinance 06-2019 Telecommunication tower. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**ORDINANCE 07-2019 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK-**Chairman Lewis read Ordinance 07-2019 Recreational Vehicle Park. Lewis stated this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 07-2019. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Ordinance 07-2019 Recreational Vehicle Park. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Voting No-Bussey.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT 2019-04 EXHIBIT A-**Chairman Lewis read the budget amendment. **Motion made by Bussey to approve budget amendment 2019-04 exhibit A. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**RESOLUTION R14-2019 ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-**Chairman Lewis read resolution R14-2019 on the Comprehensive Plan. **Motion made by Blackmon to adopt the Comprehensive Plan for 2019. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**THE POINT-**Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that the Economic Development Board would like to grant a 5-year tax break extension to Mike McCabe at The Point. This is only on vacant lots. As the lots sell and a house is built, it no longer receives the tax break. **Motion made by Blackmon to extend the 50% tax break to Mike McCabe at The Point on vacant lots for 5 more years. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Voting No-Bussey.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** **Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive session to discuss litigation. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to close Executive session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Hayes to return to regular session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion**

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**made by Hayes to file declaratory judgement against the hunting camp at 1085 US Hwy 27.  
Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.**

**APPEARANCES-**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn 8:35 p.m.

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Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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David Kinsey, Commissioner

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22, 2019  
1:30 P.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey, and Blackmon. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. Richard Wingate and John DeLoach of DeLoach, Wingate & Company P.C. (Bussey was not present)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-** **Motion made by Kinsey to accept the agenda. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**DELOACH AND WINGATE 2018 AUDIT REPORT-** Richard Wingate of DeLoach, Wingate & Company P.C. started by saying thank you to the staff at the Commission office. They were very helpful and professional. Wingate went on to present the FY 2018 audit and explained their responsibilities as the auditors and our responsibilities are as well. After a lengthy discussion about the audit, there were three findings. 1. Absence of appropriate segregation of duties consistent with appropriate control objectives. 2. Evidence of failure to perform tasks that are part of internal control. 3. Management should more closely monitor expenditures to safeguard they are in line with appropriations. DeLoach and Wingate gave recommendations to correct these findings as stated in the audit. **Motion made by Hayes to accept the FY 2018 audit. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**BUDGET-** Financial Officer Teri Odom gave a copy of the proposed FY 2020 budget to the Commissioners. Chairman Lewis asked Blackmon to get numbers for Census material. He also mentioned that funding for the library needs to be allocated.

Vice-Chairman Blackmon stated that he has a copier at no charge that Family Connections could take advantage of do to the state budget cut.

After some discussion about the budget, it was decided to have a called meeting on November 5, 2019 to discuss the budget further.

Chairman Lewis asked Weeks, Odom, Kinsey, and Hayes to find out the amount that The Water Authority owes to the General Fund and to come up with a plan to start repaying the debt.

Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to get with County Attorney Tracy Cary about the issues with the pump do to grease from Michelle's Restaurant.

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Vice- Chairman Blackmon wanted to let everyone know that he is setting up a Community day for November 9, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the vacant lot next to Central Point Marine. Called meeting setup for November 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 3:44 p.m.

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Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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Not Present

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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David Kinsey, Commissioner

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019  
1:30 P.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 1:37 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey, and Blackmon. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Bussey was not present)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-** Motion made by Blackmon to accept the agenda. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**C-7 2019 PLANNING & ZONING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Planning & Zoning contract with River Valley Regional Commission. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Kinsey left after this vote)

**BUDGET-**After a lengthy discussion about the budget there was a Motion made by Blackmon to put a limit on the Sheriff's department fuel cards today. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Blackmon. Voting No-Lewis. Hayes abstained from voting.

**REPEATER-**Weeks explained that he had Albany Communications come over to give a quote on installing a new digital repeater on the County water tank for better coverage. It would cost around \$35,000.00 to do this. Weeks went onto state that we really need this because the system that we are currently on is failing. We received a little over \$100,000.00 from FEMA from the storm and this money could be used to pay for this project. Lewis would like Teri to find out from Grady about additional training for our E-911 authority. Weeks said that they offer a lot of training that we are not taking advantage of we just have to ask.

**TSPLOST/CDBG-** Weeks stated that he had asked the engineer Paul Rakel to find out what portion of the project could be paid out of our LMIG funds and TSPLOST because of strict rules that we are allowed to use those monies for. Rakel was not able to get that information to Weeks but he will have it for the regular commission meeting next week.

**CENSUS-**Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that he reached out to the surrounding counties about the census and did not receive a good feedback from those counties. Blackmon also said that we recognize how important this is and we need to stay on top of it.

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**COMMUNITY DAY**-Blackmon let everyone know that Grady EMS is going to come to do wellness checkups. The Census people will be here to talk to the community. The Fire Dept. will also be participating. Probate office will have one of the voting machines there and available for people to get familiar with. A bouncy house will be provided for kids.

**EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON**- Lewis asked everyone to look at their calendars to plan the employee Christmas luncheon. The employee luncheon is set for December 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the community center.

**BOARD MEMBER RECEPTION**-The board member reception is set for December 9, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the community center.

**BUDGET HEARING**- The budget hearing is set for December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

**CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS**-The Christmas for the kids is set for December 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the community center.

**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

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Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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Not Present

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David Kinsey, Commissioner

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager