

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time allocated 10-minute's total)
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MONTH CHECK REGISTERS
APPROVAL OF BILLS

MINUTES Regular meeting minutes July 14, 2020
MONTH Called meeting minutes July 21, 2020
Called meeting minutes July 23, 2020
Called meeting minutes July 29, 2020

REPORTS
MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS
EMA DIRECTOR
FIRE
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

New Horizon Behavioral Health Contract

ACTION ITEM

R6-2020 County Police Dept.

ACTION ITEM

R7-2020 Mandamus Action Sheriff's Budget

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2020
6:30PM

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Attorney Tracy Cary, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Chairman Lewis amended the agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss the assistant EMA director position. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER- **Motion made by Kinsey to approve previous month check register. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

June 9, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

June 23, 2020 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made by Hayes to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

July 7, 2020 Emergency called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Emergency called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks gave his report on EMS for the month of June there were a total of 41 calls, 23 transports, and 18 refusals.

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GRADY EMS- Weeks met with two representatives from Grady EMS last week. The five-year contract expiration date is approaching and they are requesting a budget increase. Weeks has all the numbers and this will be discussed at the next budget work session.

LMIG-Barrett and Simpson completed the analysis of the bridge deficiency report that we received from DOT. We have some bridges that are in need of repair. Simpson and a different engineer came over and looked at those bridges. They should have that information back to Weeks this week.

CENSUS- Weeks reported that Georgetown-Quitman counties current response rate is at 25%. Statewide current response rate is 60%. The 2nd phase of the Census will start in August. At that time, they will send people out to help individuals get it completed.

CDBG- Weeks stated that construction has begun on the CDBG project. Weeks is hopeful that this project will move along quickly.

GEORGIA FORESTRY ANNUAL REPORT- Weeks gave all the Commissioners a copy of the annual Forestry report. Mr. Doug Redding with Georgia Forestry went over the report with Weeks and asked him to give a copy to each Commissioner. Weeks stated that the report was very impressive and had lots of good information in it.

EASEMENT FOR FRANKIE DARBY- Weeks explained to everyone that the Timber Easement that the Commissioners voted on and approved for Frankie Darby on her property next to the treatment plant needed to be amended. County Attorney Tracy Cary has added a line to say “for any other lawful purpose, including egress and ingress.” Weeks stated this would be transferable to the new owner. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the amendment to the previous Timber Easement. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

MOTOROLA REPEATER- Weeks spoke with a representative from Motorola about the repeater at the County Well. The building is ready and the new power pole is in. Everything is ready for Motorola. They are supposed to have someone come out late this week or next week to put the antenna on the water tower and then they will put the equipment in. Weeks is hopeful that this will be up and running in the next few weeks.

Weeks asked the Commissioners to set up a work session to work on the budget. The work session has been set up for Tuesday July 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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LIBRARY-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Ms. Sara Lee included a report in the packet for each commissioner.

Fire Dept. Report-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

REGIONAL 7 EMS COUNCIL BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT- Motion made by Bussey to reappoint Ms. Norma Hayes to the Regional 7 EMS Council board. Second by Kinsey.

Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Commissioner Hayes abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.)

COBRA AGREEMENT- Odom explained that this agreement is for One Digital to be able to handle all of the insurances that we have for any employees that terminates employment. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Cobra agreement with One Digital. Second by Hayes.**

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

P-15-2020 TIME SHEET POLICY- Chairman Lewis read the time sheet policy to everyone. After some discussion, a **Motion was made by Kinsey to approve P-15-2020 for the Time sheet policy. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis asked all the Commissioners to look over the Library plans that were included in their packet. There was no action to be taken, but if they had any input or suggestions to please let Ms. Betty Fair or himself know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Bussey to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to return to Regular Session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Motion made by Hayes to hire Michael Williams as the assistant EMA director and Teri Odom for MIMS training. After some more discussion, Hayes rescinded his motion. No votes were made. **Motion made by Bussey to hire Michael Williams as the assistant EMA director at \$200.00 a month and Jason Weeks will take the MIMS training at no cost along with Michael Williams.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 6:48 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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2020
1:00 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 1:12 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. (Kinsey was present via phone.) County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Chairman Lewis amended the agenda to add Lawsuit against the Governor Brian Kemp by GMA. Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

AMERIS CD- After some discussion about the CD at Ameris Bank a **Motion was made by Hayes to renew the CD. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GMA- The Commissioners discussed the lawsuit between the Governor Brian Kemp and GMA. Chairman Lewis is going to draft a letter to GMA and the Governor's office to state that we are not in favor of these actions. All will look at the letter before it is submitted.

GRADY EMS- Weeks had previously met with two representatives from Grady EMS and they submitted a budget increase. Due to our county having the lowest amount of runs our cost is going to increase. Weeks asked the Commissioners to look over the numbers and discuss the cost. He also added that it is negotiable.

BUDGET- After a lengthy discussion, several questions were asked by the Commissioners about various budget topics. Chairman Lewis asked for another Called meeting on Thursday July 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to close executive session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Hayes to open Regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Nothing was discussed in Executive session that required a vote.

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MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

____ was not present _____
Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

_____ via phone _____
David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 2:18 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. (Kinsey and Lewis were present via phone.) County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

BUDGET- After a lengthy discussion, several questions were asked by the Commissioners about various budget topics. Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward and Superior Clerk of Court Becky Fendley also gave input on several budget issues. There was some discussion about the landfill and implementing a fee or even scales to charge by the tonnage to dump. This would help offset the current cost of disposal. Commissioner Kinsey suggested talking with the Chairman of the Water and Sewer Authority Board on being reimbursed from water for money owed to the County General Fund. Odom will work on the dollar amount and get with Commissioner Kinsey. Chairman Lewis asked everyone to look at their calendar to setup another Budget work session. The next meeting is set for July 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

_____ via phone _____

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

_____ via phone _____

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:08 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Chairman Lewis added Executive Session to the agenda to discuss litigation. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

BUDGET- Chairman Lewis opened the floor for discussion regarding the budget. Several questions were posed to the Commissioners regarding the budget. Tax Commissioner Ward and Superior Clerk of Court Fendley both gave suggestions and opinions about their budgets. Each Commissioner went over the numbers and there is a deficit of around \$49,000.00. After a lengthy discussion, a Motion was made by Bussey to raise the millage by 1 mill. The motion died due to the lack of a second. Vice Chairman Blackmon raised concern about not actually fixing the problem by raising the millage rate. Commissioner Bussey gave a brief statement on why the need to raise the millage rate. There was more discussion on the amount of money that 1 mill would generate and the fact that 1 mill would not actually be enough. After some more discussion, a Motion was made by Hayes to raise the millage by 2 mills. Second by Bussey. Motion died due to the lack of votes. **Motion made by Bussey to raise the millage by 1.5 mills. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes. Voting No- Blackmon and Lewis.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Motion made by Bussey to close Regular Session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to close executive session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to open Regular session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Nothing was discussed in Executive session that required a vote.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

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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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