

**AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

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ACTION ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

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MEETING ADJOURN

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:35 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, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT- Chairman Lewis opened the floor for public comments and made everyone aware that the floor was open for the public hearing for the Verizon Tower and RV Park/Campground. Mr. Kinnard Harris let everyone know he was present at the meeting and he is the one that is putting the RV Park/Campground on Hwy 39 N. Mr. Lester Bussey spoke to the Commissioners about having the water ran to their property on Bussey Road. They are considering putting a dwelling on their property. Mr. Bussey advised everyone that they had paid for the water to be ran many years ago but at that time they didn't have a need for the water. He stated that he did not expect to receive any opposition from the Commission Board on this matter. Chairman Lewis advised Mr. Bussey that he would not receive any opposition from the Commission Board but he would need to go before the Water and Sewer Authority Board with his request.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

MINUTES

August 13, 2019 Regular meeting minutes - **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 21, 2019 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Hayes to approve the minutes of the Called meeting. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

(Blackmon was not present at the called meeting.)

August 21, 2019 Called meeting minutes to adopt the Mill Rate-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and

Lewis. (Blackmon was not present at the called meeting.)

August 28, 2019 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

(Blackmon was not present at the called meeting.)

MANAGER'S REPORT

Weeks reported there were 26 EMS calls for the month of August: 20 transports and 6 refusals.

CAUSEWAY LIGHTS- Weeks spoke with Georgia Power and we are going to be upgrading the lights on the causeway to LED's. This will give the County a savings of \$1700.00 annually with better lighting.

ACCG PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT- Weeks reported that we applied for the ACCG public safety grant and were awarded those funds. Weeks was able to purchase gloves, safety glasses, chaps, ear protection and OSHA approved hard hats with face shields with the grant funds.

LMIG FUNDS- Weeks explained that they have had the pre-construction meeting and they plan to start the four paving projects on September 23, 2019.

CDBG PROJECT- Weeks reported there is a bid opening on September 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Board room. Weeks stated that he requested they send a bid packet to Midsouth paving.

LOWER LUMPKIN BRIDGE - Weeks has been keeping up with the progress on the bridge. Everything is on schedule.

ACCG- Weeks spoke to Bill Twomey with ACCG on the fraud and ethics training. He will have to get back with Mr. Twomey because of some conflicts with the dates that he gave Weeks to choose from.

REGION 7 EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER- Weeks spoke with Chairman Lewis about needing to appoint another member to the Region 7 EMS Advisory Council Board. Weeks checked with County Clerk Carolyn Wilson about possible people that would be interested.

KAIGLER ROAD PROJECT- Weeks stated that this project is complete except for a few small things that will be soon taken care of.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT-

PROBATE REPORT-

LIBRARY-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Chairman Lewis updated everyone that Sara Lee Crumbs is working on writing two grants for library. He also stated that she continues to do a good job for the County.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION R12-2019 Open Records Officer-Lewis read Resolution R12- 2019 to everyone explaining the purpose of this resolution and that the County Commission office is only responsible for the commission office and Road Dept. **Motion made by Kinsey to accept and approve Resolution R12-2019. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

DFCS BOARD APPOINTMENT- Ms. Cynthia Norris agreed to continue to serve on the DFCS Board. **Motion made by Kinsey to reappoint Ms. Cynthia Norris to the DFCS Board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R13-2019 WATER & SEWAGE AUTHORITY BOARD- This was tabled. Chairman Lewis asked that this be put on the work session agenda.

VERIZON CELL TOWER- Ms. Allison Slocum from River Valley Regional Commission was here to fill in for Mr. Rick Morris. She advised Chairman Lewis that we needed to make a motion to add Telecommunication Tower, Antenna, and Facility in Section 6.4 Schedule of Users as a conditional use in Low Density Residential Zoning District (R-1). Medium Density Residential Zoning District (R-2); and Agricultural Zoning District (A-1). **Motion was made by Hayes to add Telecommunication Tower, Antenna, and Facility in Section 6.4 Schedule of Users as a conditional use in Low Density Residential Zoning District (R-1). Medium Density Residential Zoning District (R-2); and Agricultural Zoning District (A-1). Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Conditional Use application for the construction of a Telecommunication tower on 8.14 acres of property owned by the Unified Government of Georgetown-Quitman County at 41 Old School Rd. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK- **Motion made by Kinsey to add Recreational Vehicle Park in Section 6.4 Schedule of users as a conditional use in the Agricultural Zoning District (A-1). Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Motion made by Hayes to approve a conditional use application for the placement of a Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground on 5+/- acres of land owned by Harris Kinnard located off State Route 39 N with a site plan. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis mentioned the Tax Sale that is coming up in October. He thanked the Tax Commissioner Mindy Moss for working with property owners.

Lewis wanted to make everyone aware that Ms. Allison Slocum with RVRC will be back on Thursday to meet with Weeks and himself to look at the old jail for funding to rehab the building.

A citizen that lives in The Point asked about getting a turn lane put in to be able to turn into The Point subdivision. He is concerned that there is going to be an accident there because it is unsafe. Weeks explained about going thru the process with GDOT requesting a turn lane there and we were denied in writing because no accident had occurred. Chairman Lewis said we would take a different route in trying to get something done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Kinsey to go into Executive session to discuss personal. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to close Executive session. Second by Hayes.** 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. Nothing was discussed in Executive session that required a vote.

APPEARANCES-

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 7:54 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
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
8:30 A.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 8:40 A.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.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

ACCG FRAUD TRAINING DATE- Weeks has spoken with Mr. Bill Twomey with ACCG on getting another date setup for the fraud training due to conflicts with the Constitutional officers schedules. Weeks and Twomey are still working on getting this arranged at this time.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD - After some discussion about changing the qualifications for serving on the Water & Sewer Authority board there was a **Motion made by Blackmon to change the qualifications to serve on the Water & Sewer Authority Board from being a resident of Georgetown-Quitman County from 2 years to 1 year and adding must be a registered voter. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

VERIZON LEASE AGREEMENT- Weeks went over the lease agreement from Verizon. Weeks stated that the County Attorney looked over the agreement and gave his approval.

Motion made by Kinsey to sign the Verizon lease agreement. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY & COLLECTION POLICY- After a lengthy discussion Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to get with Anthony Dennard and Ashaki Cunningham with the Water & Sewer Authority on the collection policy for solid waste collection. Probate Judge Self, made the suggestion to take customers that are late for solid waste to small claims court.

Chairman Lewis stated that the customer service policy was fine. The Water & Sewer Authority Board needs to adopt the customer service policy and then the Commissioners will approve it.

DAVID MCMILLER CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD- Chairman Lewis explained that this is an award that was created in honor of Mr. McMiller and goes to a citizen that is nominated by the Civic League. Lewis would like to change it to come from the Commissioners. He asked all the Commissioners to come up with a person to be on a selection committee and have that committee come up with a person for the award.

TRUNK OR TREAT- Chairman Lewis asked everyone’s opinion on having Trunk or Treat on October 30th or 31st. Several places are doing things on the 31st so it was suggested to do ours on October 30th. It will be held here at the Commission office in the parking lot from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will send notices to the school, courthouse, and probate office. We will also place a notice on the LED sign and website.

ROCK HAULING BID- Weeks went over the rock hauling bids that were tabled at a previous called meeting. This was tabled so that all the Commissioners would have a chance to look over the bids. Weeks spoke to Mr. Bill Twomey with ACCG for his opinion on doing business with elected officials. Mr. Twomey explained to Weeks that it is not illegal to do business with elected officials if they are the only type of business in town. He also stated that you should still get bids to show the citizens that you are getting the best price. After a lengthy discussion, a

Motion was made by Blackmon to continue using Mo-Clay Timber for rock hauling. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Hauler	Granite Rock PER TON	Crush/Run PER TON	delivery location
Skipper Trucking	\$27.00 stock	\$24.00	stock
	\$32.00 site	\$28.00	Site
Tri Co Ready Mix	\$37.00	\$37.00	stock or site
Mo-Clay Timber	\$31.00	\$26.00	stock or site

Chairman Lewis suggested that the Commissioners come up with a committee of local business owners to come up with policy on the local government doing business with elected officials. Lewis would like to have this committee formed by the November regular meeting.

BARRETT & SIMPSON INVOICE- Weeks stated that he spoke with Tim Simpson with Barrett & Simpson after the last called meeting about the invoice on the engineering for Hatcher Rd. Weeks said that Simpson was very agreeable to being paid based on his cost estimate and not what the bid came in at. After some discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to pay the 7% based on the cost estimate for Hatcher Road. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

CENSUS COMMITTEE- Chairman Lewis asked everyone to come up with some people to add to the census committee. Currently the committee consist of Danny Blackmon, Sara Lee Crumbs, and Betty Fair.

Chairman Lewis mentioned to everyone that Family Connections budget is being cut. Lewis would like everyone to look at different options to help Sara Lee Crumbs so that her salary will not be cut.

WASHINGTON D.C TRIP- Chairman Lewis informed everyone that there is a trip coming up October 17th to Washington D.C. for State Leadership day for elected officials. Lewis and Blackmon would like to attend if the County would agree to pay for their airline ticket. They will take care of their own hotel expense. **Motion made by Hayes to approve paying the airline tickets for Lewis and Blackmon. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis stated that a second letter needs to be sent to the Sheriff regarding his budget. He asked Weeks to send this letter to let the Sheriff know that he will not end the year within his budget based on his current spending pattern.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 11:23 a.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