

**AGENDA  
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

**R20-2019 SALES TAX DESIGNEE RESOLUTION & REQUESTING  
SALES TAX INFORMATION**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS  
MONTH CHECK REGISTERS  
APPROVAL OF BILLS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes November 12, 2019

MONTHLY REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT  
EMS  
FIRE  
FAMILY CONNECTIONS  
PROBATE JUDGE

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

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MEETING ADJOURN

*DECEMBER 2019, Board Meeting*

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:31 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 Blackmon to add the Sheriff letter and Sheriff Supplement to the agenda. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Ms. Cicily Florence a representative with the U.S. Census Bureau came to introduce herself and to inform everyone what the Census Bureau does. She explained how important it is to get everyone counted because the money follows the numbers not the needs. She went onto to say that the census is completely confidential. Chairman Lewis asked Ms. Florence if she would be available to come to River fest 2020. He would like to make this the River fest 2020/Census 2020. Ms. Florence stated she would save the date in her calendar and will bring the Tech. bus, which is a bus that has laptops and Wi-Fi setup to help people get counted for the Census.

Probate Judge Matt Self wanted to thank the Commissioners for the Community Day event that was held on Saturday November 9. He also thanked everyone that was involved in preparing for the day.

Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward came to speak on behalf of herself, Superior Clerk of Court Becky Fendley, and Probate Judge Matt Self. They wanted to address the board about the supplement that the Sheriff receives. They asked that the Commissioners consider removing the supplement from the Sheriff.

Librarian Ms. Betty Fair spoke about a grant that she received from Weyerhaeuser. She stated that the gentlemen that was with Weyerhaeuser was very interested in helping her get the money to be able to purchase books. Ms. Fair was awarded \$2500.00.

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

Chairman Lewis asked the elected officials to consider moving the legal organ to the Southern Tribune in Cuthbert, Ga.

## **MINUTES**

**October 8, 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.

**October 22, 2019 Called meeting minutes-Motion made by Hayes to approve the minutes of the Called meeting. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at the called meeting.)

**November 5, 2019 Called meeting minutes-Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Called meeting. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at the called meeting.)

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

Weeks gave the total calls report for the month of September and October. For the month of September, total calls were 19. 16 transports and 3 refusals. October total calls were 36. 30 transports and 6 refusals. Weeks stated at the last commission meeting there were several complaints about EMS. Weeks and John Everett Pate met with Randy Williams from Grady, Jamie Sauls EMS director and 2 EMT’s. They went over the complaints and they were already ahead on solving some of them. Some of the complaints that were made were related to E-911 dispatch. Randy Williams asked that if we receive a complaint that we get as much information as possible such as dates, times, etc.

**LOWER LUMPKIN BRIDGE** - Weeks stated that the bridge is complete. It has not been opened up to the public yet. They have some striping and some erosion control left to do.

**CORN VENDING MACHINE**-Brent Comer with Comer & Sutton LLC, came in the office and wanted to find out about installing a corn vending machine at the Marathon gas station.

Weeks met with Mr. Comer at the store and measured the right of way. He also has Johnny

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Stafford with DOT coming to mark the GDOT right of way. Mr. Comer was present at the meeting to answer any questions. Mr. Comer explained how the machine works and is excited to install it at the Marathon station.

**CDBG PROJECT-** Weeks explained to everyone that we have a budget shortfall of \$254,987.00 right now for the CDBG project. Weeks reached out to Rakel with Sowega Engineering and found out we are able to use LMIG funds for portions of this project. **Motion made by Bussey to use LMIG funds for the CDBG project. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Weeks also explained that he has a letter from Sowega Engineering recommending that we go with the lowest bidder for the CDBG project which is Zane Grace Construction. **Motion made by Kinsey to award the CDBG contract to Zane Grace Construction for \$546,850.00. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**FIRE DEPT. REPORT-** Fire Chief Pate was present at the meeting and delivered his report. He stated that they had 12 calls for the month of October with an average call time of five minutes. He said the Pillowcase program was a success. This will be annual event that is sponsored by the American Red Cross. They have finished the smoke detector program and were able to install them in 20 homes. They are working on getting a quote for a backup generator for the EOC in case of a disaster. Three firefighters went to Forsyth for Human Trafficking training. Pate is working on writing a grant for a new fire truck. If we were awarded the grant, the Counties portion to pay would be 5% of the cost of the truck. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks or Wilson to check with River Valley to see if they can help with the grant writing on the fire truck.

#### **PROBATE REPORT-**

#### **LIBRARY-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Chairman Lewis stated that Sara Lee Crumbs is working on a couple of different grants. She is also assisting with finding grants that will help furnish the new library.

#### **OLD BUSINESS-**

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**COMMUNITY DAY-** Vice Chairman Blackmon wanted to thank everyone that was involved in making the Community day a success. He thanked Eddie & Leona Moore from Central Point

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Marine for the use of their property for this day and their donation. He thanked Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. McCabe for their donations. He thanked Matt Self and Jason Weeks for cooking. He thanked Ms. Carolyn Wilson for everything she did. He thanked Fire Chief John Everett for coming and participating in the Community day. He went onto to say that this day turned out very successful and it was because of everyone that worked together to make it that way.

**WATER & SEWER BOARD APPOINTMENTS-** Chairman Lewis stated that the reappointments for Derrick Norris and Carrie Culver are coming due at the end of December of this year for the Water & Sewer Board. Both have agreed to continue to serve on this board. **Motion made by Bussey to reappoint Derrick Norris and Carrie Culver to the Water & Sewer Board. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS-** Chairman Lewis stated that the reappointments for Kathy Hayes and Jimmy Eleby are coming due at the end of December of this year for the Recreation board. Both have agreed to continue to serve on this board. **Motion made by Blackmon to reappoint Kathy Hayes and Jimmy Eleby to the Recreation Board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS-** Chairman Lewis stated that the reappointments for Henry Balkcom III and Dorothy Geddings are coming due at the end of December of this year for the Planning and Zoning board. Both have agreed to continue to serve on this board. **Motion made by Hayes to reappoint Henry Balkcom III and Dorothy Geddings to the Planning & Zoning board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**REGIONAL EMS APPOINTMENT-** Chairman Lewis explained that we need to appoint someone to this board as soon as possible. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson will check with John Everett Pate to see if he is interested in serving on this board. (John Everett Pate agreed to serve)

**SHERIFF SUPPLEMENT-** **Motion made by Blackmon to remove the Sheriff supplement at the end of December 31, 2020. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Voting No-Bussey

**LETTER FROM SHERIFF-** Sheriff B.J. Foster sent a letter to the Commission Board requesting additional funds for his budget. No action taken.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES-** Johnnie Kent, a citizen from Whispering Pines came to speak to the Commissioners about the Gideon's Christian association that he is a part of. He wanted to inform every one of the work that the Gideon's do. They would like to be able to go to the school here in Georgetown and hand out Bibles to students that would like to receive one. Chairman Lewis thanked Mr. Kent for his work and for coming to the meeting. Lewis also told Mr. Kent he would be happy to go with him to meet the school superintendent about his request.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn 8:12 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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