

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER
APPOINTMENTS FY 2020
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

6:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MONTH CHECK REGISTERS
APPROVAL OF BILLS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

MINUTES
MONTH

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS
EMA DIRECTOR
FIRE
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tax Commissioner Letter
Sheriff Letter
Approval of FY 2020 monthly recurring payments
Fiscal Agent Designation & Acceptance Agreement Family Connection
R13-2019 Water & Sewage Authority Board Resolution
2020-01 Exhibit A Budget Amendment

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 5, 2019
7:00PM**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom. Elected Official present: Tax Commissioner Mindy Moss-Ward, Probate Judge Matthew Self, and Superior Court Clerk Becky Fendley.

The floor was open for any discussion on the proposed budget. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed.

Nothing was discussed that required a vote on the proposed budget.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 8:25 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
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2019
6:30PM**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 Kinsey to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Motion made by Kinsey to open the Public Hearing for the cell tower Conditional Use and Variance application for cell tower on Old 39 Rd. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Mr. Andrew Rotenstreich with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, & Berkowitz, PC came and presented a packet for the Commissioners on the cell tower. After some discussion, a **Motion was made by Bussey to close the public hearing for the conditional use. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Conditional Use application for the cell tower on Old 39 Rd. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to open the Public Hearing on the Variance application do to the height of the cell tower. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

After some discussion on the height of the cell tower, a **Motion was made by Bussey to close the public hearing on the Variance application for the cell tower. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Variance application for the cell tower on Old 39 Rd. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

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

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

November 12, 2019 Regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Kinsey to approve the minutes. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Weeks reported there were 35 EMS calls for the month of November 24 transports and 11 refusals.

RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION- Weeks reported that the signs that were provided by River Valley Regional Commission are being put out by the Road Dept. throughout the County at the different Creeks to help prevent dumping of animal carcasses.

TREATMENT PLANT- Weeks explained that B & S air completed the spraying at the sewage treatment plant. They advised Weeks that they should be thru planting at the end of December or January. This will keep us in compliance with EPD.

LOWER LUMPKIN BRIDGE- This project is complete and the bridge is open. GDOT has removed all barricades and traffic is using it. GDOT will be here one day this week to do their final inspection and officially open the bridge. This bridge has no weight limit.

THE CORN VENDING MACHINE- is being installed at the Marathon Gas station. The company to install the machine has purchased all permits.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD- Weeks stated that the Planning and Zoning Board has two request for the Commission board. They would like the Commission Board to send a letter to the Sheriff asking him to place warning stickers on vehicles that are parked on the right of way. The other request is to send a letter to Harris Kinnard on 39 North to reiterate the fact that he was approved to put in a RV park. Weeks told the Commission that he would send both letters if that is something they would like for him to do. **Motion made by Blackmon to have Weeks send both letters. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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Fire Dept. Report-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave her report. She reported that she has been very busy and was not able to attend several of the last commission meetings. She has been working on multiple projects that include funding for several projects. The school is working with Family Connections. She is working with the Census committee to help get everyone counted. River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging is collaborating with Family Connections to provide Diabetic self-management classes starting January 8, 2020-February 12, 2020 every Wednesday at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION R-15 2019 E-911 BUDGET- Motion made by Kinsey to approve the E-911 Budget Resolution R-15 2019. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R-16 2019 LAW LIBRARY BUDGET- Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Law Library Budget Resolution R-16 2019. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R-17 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET- Motion made by Kinsey to approve the General Fund budget Resolution R-17 2019. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R-18 2019 CW2017028 GEFA MODIFICATIONS- Motion made by Kinsey to approve Resolution R-18 2019 CE2017028 GEFA modifications. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R-19 2019 DW2017028 GEFA MODIFICATIONS- Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R-19 2019 DW2017028 GEFA modifications. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

P13-2019 CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY FOR THE COUNTY- Chairman Lewis read the Customer service policy P13-2019. Motion made by Bussey to approve the Customer service policy for the County. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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P14-2019 DEBT FORGIVENESS POLICY- This was explained by Weeks that this was a one-time debt forgiveness policy to be used one time to forgive half of a customer's water bill. This was tabled because the policy was not written clearly. This will be rewritten to be clearer.

REGION 7 EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis explained that John Everett Pate has agreed to serve on the Region 7 EMS Advisory Board. **Motion made by Blackmon to appoint John Everett Pate to the Region 7 EMS Advisory Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R20-2019 SALES TAX DESIGNEE RESOLUTION & REQUESTING SALES TAX INFORMATION- Chairman Lewis explained that this Resolution has been drafted to send to the Dept. of Revenue to designate Vice Chairman Danny Blackmon to be the designee for sales tax information. **Motion made by Bussey to appoint Vice Chairman Blackmon as the designee and approve Resolution R20-2019. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

HOLIDAY AND MEETING SCHEDULE 2020- **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the holiday and meeting schedule for 2020 with the correction of the meeting date for the month of September to the 8th from the 15th. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Lewis asked Clerk Becky Fendley to get with Probate Judge Self to check about using the Southern Tribune as the County legal organ.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 7:56 p.m.

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2020
1:30 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Lewis came in late but was present)

BEER AND WINE APPLICATION FOR SHREE HARI GEORGETOWN LLC

(CORNER STORE)- After a lengthy discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to deny the Beer and Wine application until the new owner shows proof of date of new ownership and the application is filled out completely. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK PROBATION FUND- Vice Chairman Blackmon explained to everyone that there were funds in an account at Five Star that Superior Court Clerk Fendley was in charge of. It was noted in the FY 2018 audit that this account needed to be reconciled and the funds moved to the appropriate entity. Ms. Fendley sent a check to the Commission office for \$21,485.36 to take care of this. **Motion made by Blackmon to move the \$21,485.36 to a 12 month CD at Ameris Bank that will draw interest. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

ELECTED OFFICIALS- Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that there has been some research on any person running for office and owing back taxes. The only thing that is in our charter regarding any person running for office and owing back taxes is for County Commissioners. It was suggested that we amend the charter to say, "All elected officials" not just County Commissioners. It was also mentioned that it should say "if you owe the County any money for anything, it should be paid in full before running for public office."

PROPERTY TAXES- Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that currently we have in our charter that any business that owes property taxes cannot purchase an Occupational Tax License. It was discussed to amend the charter to prohibit a business from being able to purchase a Beer & Wine License along with the Occupational Tax License.

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