

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

R13-2019 Resolution Water & Sewage Authority Board
Verizon Cell Tower

RV Park/Campground- Harris Kinnard

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MONTH CHECK REGISTERS

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes August 13, 2019

Work Session Meeting Minutes August 21, 2019

Called Meeting Minutes to adopt Mill Rate August 21, 2019

Called Meeting Minutes August 28, 2019

MONTHLY REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS

FIRE

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

PROBATE JUDGE

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

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ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R12-2019 Open Records Officer

DFCS Reappointment-Cynthia Norris

R13-2019 Resolution Water & Sewage Authority Board

Verizon Cell Tower

RV Park/Campground- Harris Kinnard

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2019
6:30 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:37 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- Lewis amended the agenda to add the Community Center and Gym form, Executive Session, and Water & Sewage Authority Board appointment. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Tax Commissioner Mindy Moss stated that there would be a Tax Sale on October 1, 2019. This will be advertised in the newspaper. The legal hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The sale will be from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pastor Booker T. Johnson addressed the Commission about a vision he had. He stated that the vision came from God instructing him to tell the County officials about his vision. The vision was about great death that is coming to Quitman County by way of a storm. Lewis thanked Mr. Johnson for sharing this and stated that he knows that Mr. Johnson is a man of God and he will be in prayer for Quitman County.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

Motion made by Kinsey to approve previous month check register (July register). Second by Bussey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to exclude page 8 from the check register. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

August bills were tabled until after Executive Session.

MINUTES

May 20, 2019 Called meeting minutes - **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Called meeting. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

July 9, 2019 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

July 15, 2019 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 7, 2019 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Weeks reported there were 36 EMS calls for the month of July: 31 transports and 5 refusals.

CDBG PROJECT- Weeks reported there was a bid opening on August 8, 2019 and we did not receive any bids. This will have to be put back out for bid.

LOWER LUMPKIN BRIDGE - Weeks has been keeping up with the progress on the bridge. He said that the bridge has been completely demolished and they have started the work on the new bridge. He thinks this project will be completed on time.

LMIG FUNDS- Weeks explained there was a LMIG bid opening on July 25, 2019 and we received one bid from MidSouth paving. The bid came in under the engineers estimate. The bid amount is \$267,261.50.

KAIGLER ROAD PROJECT- Weeks met with the contractor and engineer on Kaigler road to go over a few items that need to be taken care of. These items are supposed to be fixed by the end of August. Weeks also asked about paving Kaigler all the way out to Hwy 82. He contacted GDOT to see if there would be a problem with this and GDOT gave their approval.

GDOT- Weeks received notice from GDOT that they have put out to bid paving from the Causeway to the Dollar General on Hwy 82.

PROBATE OFFICE ROOF REPAIR- Weeks addressed the Commissioners about the roof leaking at the probate office. He just needs some direction from the Commissioners as to what they want to do with the building. Angelo Rodgers with Rodgers roofing has looked at the roof and he estimates around \$10,000.00 for the roof. Chairman Lewis asked Probate Judge Self has he received any quotes for remodeling the old machine shop to be able to move the Probate

office there. Judge Self stated that he has spoken to several contractors, but has not been able to get a turn- key quote from anyone. He did receive an opinion of \$40,000.00-\$45,000.00.

Chairman Lewis asked that we put this on the next Work session agenda.

VERIZON TOWER- Weeks received a contract from Verizon Wireless but it did not include the fall zone map. He contacted Verizon and they are supposed to be submitting that to Mr. Weeks so that the Commission board and Attorney Cary can review the contract.

CAUSEWAY LIGHTS- Vice Chairman Blackmon asked Weeks to give an update on the lighting on the Causeway. Weeks stated the he called Don Hutchison with Georgia Power and explained our issues with the current lighting as well as to get a price on changing them to LEDs. Mr. Hutchison had not gotten back with Weeks prior to this meeting. As soon as he hears from him, he will update the board. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to also call Gerald Greene and update him as well.

ACCG- Weeks explained to everyone that ACCG offers training on fraud and ethics. Weeks wanted to know if this was something the Commissioners would be interested in having ACCG come to our county and do a presentation to all employees. The board agreed that this is something that needs to be done. Weeks stated he would let ACCG know and get a date and time set up.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS- Chairman Lewis stated that he asked Weeks to request Art Neville and Julia Floyd from the Board of Registrars to attend the commission meeting. Neville explained the monthly process of purging the voters list. He stated they look for felons, deaths, and out of state addresses. Voters are notified to attend a hearing at the Board of Registrars meeting before they are removed from the voters list.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT- Probate Judge Self read the monthly fire report for Fire Chief Pate in his absence. There were three fire calls and one search and rescue call for the month of July with an average response time of five minutes. GFSTC (*Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council*) came to do there audit on July 30, 2019 and they were very impressed with the great strides that have been done with our volunteer fire department. Blue reflectors are ordered and will be put down as soon as they are received to mark fire hydrants. The fire dept. has started their smoke detector program for 2019. Fire Chief Pate is checking into a program called the Pillow Case program that is directed towards children from 3rd grade to 5th grade. The pillowcase

will have information in it geared towards children about fire safety. These programs are recognized by ISO and will give us extra credit towards our ISO rating.

PROBATE REPORT- Probate Judge Self reported that they sent \$6800.00 for the month of July. They had one wedding, one letter of Administrator, four firearm permits, and twenty-nine paid citations. Chairman Lewis thanked Judge Self for his report and hard work.

LIBRARY-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Chairman Lewis stated that the Family Connections report is in everyone's packet. He also read the invitation for the Council of Governments Annual Dinner. Jim Livingston will be the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION R11-2019 LMIG projects- Motion made by Blackmon to accept the bid from MidSouth paving for the 2019 LMIG projects in the amount of \$267,261.50 dollars. (Kinsey \$60,400, Meadowview \$55,600, Ridgeview \$113,600, Hilltop \$67,800 Roads and, to approve Resolution R11-2019. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

TAX ASSESSOR –Chairman Lewis read a letter of recommendation from Will Smith the Chairman of the Tax Assessor Board for using TAS (*Technical Appraisal Services*) for the countywide re-evaluation. He stated that TAS did have the lowest bid for the re-evaluation.

Motion made by Blackmon to move forward with TAS for the countywide re-evaluation. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

ACCG VOTING DELEGATE- Commissioner Kinsey stated he would be glad to serve as the delegate.

WATER & SEWAGE AUTHORITY BOARD- After a brief discussion, the commission tabled appointing a board member until the work session.

GDOT Paving Hwy 82 - Chairman Lewis informed everyone that there would be an Environmental Planner here on Monday August 19, 2019 for a stakeholder meeting for the Hwy 82 paving project. Meeting is open to the public.

COMMUNITY CENTER & GYM FORM- Chairman Lewis stated that he has been approached by two different church groups asking if the board would consider changing the policy on being able to charge at the gym for a fundraiser. Currently only the school can hold a fundraiser and charge. After a brief discussion, this was tabled for the work session.

Work Session set for August 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Blackmon. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to return to regular session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Nothing was discussed in Executive session that required a vote. Chairman Lewis asked everyone to look at the calendar at the last week in August to set up a meeting with the Sheriff to go over his budget. Weeks will check with the Sheriff to set up a date either Monday August 26, 2019 or Wednesday August 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion made by Bussey to exclude page 8 from the check register. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPEARANCES- Lewis opened the floor for Ms. Laura Schneider with River Valley Regional Commission. Ms. Schneider explained that she was present at the meeting to present a contract for signage for the Pataula Creek watershed. They are asking the county to put in 50% to be the in-kind contributions of the agreement. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the contract for the signage for the Pataula Creek watershed. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 9:00 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
AUGUST 21, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Motion made by Hayes to accept the agenda as presented.

Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

CHURCHES USING GYM FOR FUNDRAISER- Chairman Lewis asked for everyone's input on churches being able to use the gym for fundraisers. Currently the School is the only entity that can use the Gym and charge a fee as long as we have a letter from the principal stating that it is an approved school function. After a lengthy discussion, Lewis asked Carolyn to send an email to the County Attorney and ask about having the renter sign a release form releasing the County from any liability if someone was to get hurt while using the Gym. Lewis stated we would wait to hear from Tracy Cary before we move forward on this.

PROBATE OFFICE REPAIRS- Weeks stated he has been working with Probate Judge Self on the repairs that are needed at the Probate office. Weeks spoke with April Hobson with Columbus Tech. about us using the Adult Learning building to house Probate. Ms. Hobson stated that they only meet 2 days a week and they only use the front room for classes. Judge Self said that the previous idea of renovating the old machine shop has been cancelled. Judge Self stated that it will be a little bit of an inconvenience during election time not being next door to the courthouse but they will make it work. Chairman Lewis stated he would check on funds that might be available to preserve and repair the old jail because of it being a historical site. This is where the Probate office is currently located.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS- There were three names submitted for appointment, Richard Pitts, Traci Imhoff, and Charlie Collins. **Motion made by Kinsey to appoint Richard Pitts to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis wants us to contact Senator Sims and Gerald Greene to move forward with changing the By-Laws for the Water & Sewer Authority Board from 7 members to 5 members.

ROCK HAULING QUOTES- Weeks presented 3 quotes for rock hauling to the Board.

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

The rock hauling quotes were tabled to discuss at a later meeting.

BARRETT & SIMPSON, INC.-Weeks explained that there is an invoice that has not been paid for the engineering work done by Barrett & Simpson, Inc. on Hatcher Road. The bid came in much higher than the cost estimate so we were not able to do the Hatcher Rd. project. The question on the table is “are we going to pay the invoice for the engineering?”. There was a brief discussion and a Motion made by Hayes to pay the invoice. The motion died for lack of a second. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

TREE PLANTING- Weeks stated that the first trees that we planted at the treatment plant did not live. We were not allowed to spray herbicide to keep the vegetation from killing the trees. We are now at the point that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has agreed in writing that we can plant more trees and to allow it to be done by machine, which we were not allowed to do previously. We will also be able to spray the fields with herbicide this time. **Motion made by Kinsey to move forward with the tree planting. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

AUGUST BILLS- Motion made by Bussey to pay the August bills from the August 13, 2019 meeting. **Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Not Present

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
AUGUST 21, 2019
7:15 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

MILLAGE RATE-After some discussion a **Motion was made by Kinsey to adopt the mill rate by Resolution R10-2019 for the County at 15.884, County Wide School 13.986 mills, and Bond Rate 1.987 mills. Total millage for County Wide is 31.857 mills. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

_____	_____Not Present_____
Carvel Lewis, Chairman	Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman
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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner	David Kinsey, Commissioner
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Jim Hayes, Commissioner	Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2019
4:00 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M. with prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. Sheriff B.J. Foster, Tax Commissioner Mindy Moss, Superior Clerk of Court Becky Fendley, and Probate Judge Matt Self.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Motion made by Hayes to accept the agenda as presented.

Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis

BUDGET-Chairman Lewis explained the reason for the meeting was to address the letter that was sent to the Commissioners from the Sheriff B.J. Foster. In Sheriff Foster's letter, he requested \$96,248.58 for his budget. Chairman Lewis reminded everyone about asking all of the Constitutional officers to cut their budgets by 10% because of the potential of losing the FLPA monies. Chairman Lewis gave the floor to Sheriff Foster to address the Commission Board. Sheriff Foster asked the Commissioners to fund his budget. He stated he has a job to do and he is going to do that job. Sheriff Foster also stated that he had previously met with Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Bussey, and County Manager Weeks. They discussed his budget and the need for the \$96,248.58 to be able to operate to the end of the year. There were 4 options that were presented by the Commissioners to Sheriff Foster. First option was to do nothing, Second option was to approve the requested budget amendment presented by Sheriff Foster, Third option approve a budget amendment that reflects a 10% cut to the approved FY 2018 budget. This figure would be \$69,986.75, and the Fourth option to approve a budget amendment that reflects ½ of \$69,986.75 and that figure would be \$34,993.38. After a brief discussion of all the options there was a **Motion made by Kinsey to move forward with option 3 to approve a budget amendment that reflects a 10% cut to the approved FY 2018 budget. This figure would be \$69,986.75. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis thanked the Sheriff for coming and thanked the citizens that came out also.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:45 P.M.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

_____ Not Present _____

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager