

**AGENDA**  
**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 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 August 11, 2020  
MONTH Called meeting minutes August 13, 2020  
Called meeting minutes August 21, 2020  
Called meeting minutes August 31, 2020

REPORTS  
MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS  
EMA DIRECTOR  
FIRE  
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

\*UPDATE\*

\*ACTION ITEM\*

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NEW BUSINESS

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Community Center Reopening

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Moving funds to higher paying rates

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Beer & Wine License- Quick Serve (Liberty/Gary)

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Beer & Wine License-Depot Food Store (Big Cat)

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Beer & Wine License-Tirth Patel 1, LLC (Citgo)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2020  
6:30PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order 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 Clerk Carolyn Wilson, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Manager Jason Weeks.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Several citizens voiced their concerns and opinions on different topics. Chairman Lewis thanked individuals for their comments and opinions.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER-** **Motion made by Kinsey to approve previous month check register. Second by Blackmon.** 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.

**MINUTES**

July 14, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

July 21, 2020 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at this called meeting.)

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

July 29, 2020 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made Blackmon to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT**-Weeks gave his report on EMS for the month of July there were a total of 28 calls, 21 transports, and 7 refusals.

**BONOPARTS RETREAT RD**- Weeks stated that Bonoparts Retreat Rd suffered some damage during one of the storms back in March. We repaired the damage and just had concrete poured over the areas that we had repaired. Citizens from this area were very pleased with the repairs. .

**ACCG**- Weeks informed the Commissioners about a webinar that ACCG is having on the CARES act. It will be Thursday August 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Weeks, Odom, and Wilson will be participating in the webinar.

**CDBG**- Weeks stated that this project is ongoing. The holding pond is almost complete. They are preparing documents for a change order to relocate the water mains. As soon as they get that paperwork complete, they will move forward with the project.

**EPD**- Weeks explained that he helped the Water & Sewage Authority with an inspection with EPD last week. Everything went good and we received no deficiencies.

**MOTOROLA REPEATER**- Weeks gave an update on the new digital repeater. The Repeater has been installed at the County well. The radios have been programed. We are waiting for Gala gas to come move the propane tank and have the backup generator moved.

**CENSUS**- Weeks explained that the census numbers are still low for our County. Weeks stated that this is something that we need to work on.

#### **LIBRARY-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS**- Ms. Sara Lee was present at the meeting to give her report and updates. Ms. Sara Lee stated that she has been working with the Census Bureau on trying to get our numbers up for the County. She has suggested getting signs made with the toll free number put on them that people can call to complete their Census. She is working with Area Agency on Aging out of Columbus for meals for Senior citizens in our county. If you are 60 years or older you can contact Triple A in Columbus to sign up for the meals. Currently Ms. Sara Lee is the only one delivering the meals. If someone is interested in volunteering, they can call her and she can explain all the details to them. Ms. Sara Lee explained that there was a homeless couple here in Georgetown that she helped get housing with New Horizon. She stated that every time she calls on New Horizon they have been great to help. Ms. Sara Lee stated that she has been working with Columbus Tech. with internet service in our area. They have Wi-Fi rangers that they are going to place in different areas that will help students with internet service to be able to

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do school work. Chairman Lewis asked a couple of questions about the meals that she is currently delivering. Lewis would like Ms. Sara Lee to check to see if the people that she currently is delivering the meals to can be added to the meals on wheels that we already have in place because we have funds allocated and the delivery is included. Lewis thanked Ms. Sara Lee for her report.

### **Fire Dept. Report-**

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**NEW HORIZON BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT-** Lewis went over the behavioral contract with New Horizon. This is an annual contract. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the New Horizon Behavioral Contract. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

**RESOLUTION R6-2020 COUNTY POLICE DEPT.-** Chairman Lewis read R6-2020 to everyone. After a lengthy discussion, this was tabled and will be discussed at a called meeting.

**RESOLUTION R7-2020 MANDAMUS ACTION SHERIFF'S BUDGET-** Chairman Lewis read R7-2020 mandamus action on the Sheriff's budget. Vice-Chairman Blackmon explained that the Sheriff is right at 70% of his budget and if the spending trend continues to the end of the year, he will be over budget. Several different citizens had questions regarding the Sheriff's budget. All questions were heard and answered. **Motion made by Blackmon to move forward with Resolution R7-2020 Mandamus action on the Sheriff's budget. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis asked all the Commissioners to look at their calendars to have a called meeting. The called meeting is set for August 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

**Motion made by Blackmon to set the mill rate at 15.8730 for FY 2020. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

**Motion made by Blackmon 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.

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**APPEARANCES –**  
**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 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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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2020  
4:00 P.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:19 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-**

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

**RESOLUTION R6-2020 COUNTY POLICE DEPT. -** Chairman Lewis opened the floor to the Commissioners to discuss Resolution R6-2020 for County Police Dept. Lewis went over the Resolution and explained that this only allows this to go on the ballot in November so that the public can vote on it. Bussey expressed that he is not in favor of the County Police Dept. for a couple of different reasons. Vice Chairman Blackmon and Commissioner Hayes expressed they are in favor of this going on the ballot for the citizens to be able to vote on it. After a lengthy discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to move forward with Resolution R6-2020 County Police Dept. to be placed on the ballot in November. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Lewis. Voting No-Bussey.

**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 4:47 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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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2020  
9:30 A.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 9:42 A.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, and Hayes. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Bussey and Kinsey were not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**Motion made by Blackmon to amend the agenda to add Revolving Loan and Recreation Board funds. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**RESOLUTION R8-2020 ADOPTION OF MILL RATE.** - Chairman Lewis read Resolution R8-2020 adoption of the mill rate. Countywide mills-15.873, Countywide school-13.975, School Bond rate-1.985. Total Mill rate-31.833 mills. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R8-2020 Adoption of Mill Rate. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Blackmon, Hayes, and Lewis.

**REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT FUNDS-** Vice Chairman Blackmon discussed moving the funds that are in the Revolving Loan Fund account to a CD with a higher paying rate. Blackmon also would like for the financial officer and County Manager to be able to make decisions on moving funds to a higher paying rate when we have that opportunity without penalties. Chairman Lewis agreed with Blackmon but also stated that the funds are controlled by the County Commissioners. **Motion made by Hayes to move the Revolving loan funds to a CD paying a higher rate and give permission to the Financial Officer, County Manager, and Vice Chairman to be able to make decisions on moving the Revolving Loan Funds when there is a better paying rate and there are no penalties involved. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Financial Officer Odom posed the question to the Commissioners if they wanted to limit this motion to only the Revolving Loans funds or open this up to all funds. Chairman Lewis stated that he wants this added to the September agenda to be discussed with all the Commissioners. Chairman Lewis wants to have a discussion on the Economic Development Board members. It is the opinion of DCA, and the Attorney General's office that the Economic Development Board does not need to have elected officials on that board. Lewis asked that the Commission office staff get a list of the board members names, and their term.

**RECREATION BOARD FUNDS-** Weeks explained that the Recreation Board is requesting to roll over their funds that they have not been able to use due to COVID-19. They were in the process of putting in a playground when the pandemic hit and had to put everything on hold. After a little discussion, a **Motion was made by Hayes to allow the Recreation Board to roll over their funds. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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Odom updated everyone on the COVID-19 funding. She stated that we have finished the first round to secure the \$36,000.00. As soon as we receive the approval, we will be able to submit our other documents for the second round, which is our additional \$84,000.00.

**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.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



**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 31, 2020  
9:30 A.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes and Kinsey. County Manager Jason Weeks and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Bussey was not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**Motion made by Blackmon to amend the agenda to add Census. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**RESOLUTION R8-2020 ADOPTION OF MILL RATE.** - Chairman Lewis read Resolution R8-2020 adoption of the mill rate. Countywide mills-15.873, Countywide school-13.975, School Bond rate-1.985. Total Mill rate-31.833 mills. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R8-2020 Adoption of Mill Rate. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

**CENSUS-** Vice Chairman Blackmon explained to everyone that our Census numbers are still low and he feels that we need to put some teams together to get people signed up. Blackmon also stated that we need to find out where we are with the consent form. Chairman Lewis asked Commissioner Kinsey if he and Mrs. Kinsey would be available to help make phone calls to find out who has not completed their Census. He also mentioned putting a Community day together to do hot dogs and hamburgers at the pavilion behind the Community center to have citizens come out and complete their Census. Community Day is tentatively planned for September 12, 2020 from 11 a.m.-2p.m.

**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.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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