

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

Public Hearing minutes November 10, 2020

Regular meeting minutes November 10, 2020

Called meeting minutes November 19, 2020

MINUTES

MONTH

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS

EMA DIRECTOR

FIRE

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

PROBATE REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

Emergency Services Fee Ordinance 04-2020 2nd reading

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

SWGAs Reg. Dev. Authority Board Reappointments

(Danny Blackmon and David Kinsey)

ACTION ITEM

Planning & Zoning Reappointments (Carol Webb & Joyce Jones)

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

Water & Sewer Board Reappointment (Joyce Jones)

ACTION ITEM

Recreation Board Reappointment (Walter Fuller)

ACTION ITEM

2020-4 Exhibit A Budget Amendment

ACTION ITEM

R10-2020 E-911 Budget

ACTION ITEM

R11-2020 Law Library Budget

ACTION ITEM

R12-2020 General Fund Budget

ACTION ITEM

Superior Court Clerk Letter

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

Kim Burnette-Questions for the Board about supporting Growing Quitman Co.

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
6:00PM**

CALLED TO ORDER The public hearing was called to order at 6:06 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Manager Jason Weeks.

PUBLIC HEARING- Chairman Lewis opened the floor for the public hearing. He explained that this public hearing was for the variance and Rezoning for property located at Church and South Street owned by Willie Mae Davis. The property is currently zoned R1 and she is requesting it be changed to R2.

Chairman Lewis closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the variance and rezoning for the property located at Church and South Street owned by Willie Mae Davis. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

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
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
6:30PM**

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Chairman Lewis amended the agenda to add P17-2020 Capitalization policy, P7-2020 Collection Policy, and Executive Session. **Motion made by Hayes to accept the amended agenda.**

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

GRADY EMS- Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Bill Compton with Grady EMS if he would like to go ahead and speak at this time. Mr. Compton presented an overview of what Grady EMS has done here since starting in May of 2017. He explained that by July 2021 they are going to be implementing a new system that will make us a true regional system. This system will be a major upgrade and will speed up response times. Mr. Compton went over the cost and expense that has gone up since starting here in 2017. With that being said, they are requesting an increase of \$45,000.00 dollars over the next two years starting in the year 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Ms. Kim Burnette a citizen of Georgetown-Quitman County came to present an idea that she and her husband came up with. They would like to form a group of volunteers to help clean the walking trail up and maybe would attract more people to Georgetown. They are considering the name “Friends of Georgetown-Quitman County”. Chairman Lewis thanked her for her idea and directed her to get with County Manger Jason Weeks for direction on coordinating a project. Ms. Burnette stated she is willing to be a contact person to lead a group if people are interested in this. Chairman Lewis asked that this be added to the next work session.

Mr. Matt Geddings suggested that the County Commissioners invest some of the Silicon Ranch solar project money in the County.

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PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER- Motion made by Hayes 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.

MINUTES

October 13, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Hayes to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

October 22, 2020 Called meeting minutes- Motion made by Kinsey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at this called meeting.)

October 28, 2020 Called meeting minutes- Motion made Kinsey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at this called meeting.)

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks gave his report on EMS for the month of October. There were a total of 36 calls, 22 transports, and 14 refusals.

VERIZON CELL TOWER- Weeks was finally able to speak with a representative from Verizon about the cell tower. He found out that the tower is online. He stated that in several areas there has not been any improvement in service. Weeks did notice that on 39 north near the Treatment plant the service is better in that area.

CDBG- Weeks reported the paving and curbing is finished. This project is on schedule and should be complete by the end of November.

H2O TECH- Weeks said he is meeting with Bob Pafford with H2O tech later this week. Weeks explained that we have \$10,000.00 dollars per year from the Emergency services fee to install new Fire hydrants in the County. Pafford and Weeks will be looking at locations to install those hydrants.

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TAX COMMISSIONER- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward asked Weeks to remind everyone that the tax office will be open Saturday November 14, 2020 for people to be able to pay their property taxes. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Blackmon asked Weeks if we received any calls about the blue building. Weeks stated that we had received 2 calls. 1 person left their contact information.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting to give her report. She reported that the State added \$5,000.00 dollars back to her budget that they had previously cut. She picked the Wi-Fi rangers up from Columbus Tech. and she is looking for locations throughout the county to place them. These rangers are to help increase the internet service to individuals in rural areas. Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs stated she is still working with the Area Agency on Aging delivering meals to seniors. Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs explained that she is doing a drive thru literacy celebration. Parents and students can come thru and they will receive a blanket, some books, and information on literacy. Kayla Wall with the Extension office will also be providing some recipes.

LIBRARY-

Fire Dept. Report- Fire Chief John Everett Pate was present at the meeting to give the fire report. Pate reported that they have only used 60% of their budget thus far. He stated they received for the third quarter 8 fire calls, 4 motor vehicle calls, 3 medical assist calls, and 3 false alarm calls with an average of 6-minute response time. Pate applied for a grant for a new fire truck and it was denied. He has since written another grant thru Weyerhaeuser for \$6100.00 and was awarded that grant. This money will be spent to purchase new fire hoses. Pate went onto explain that he is looking for a new fire truck because all of the trucks that we currently have are old. He has found one in another part of Georgia that he is interested in. The proposed price is \$90,000.00 or less. Pate stated they would be able to purchase the truck out right with no financing. **Motion made by Kinsey to allow Fire Chief Pate to pursue purchase of fire truck. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PROBATE REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

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VARIANCE & REZONING FOR WILLIE MAE DAVIS- Motion made by Kinsey to approve the variance and rezoning for Willie Mae Davis for the property located at Church and South Street. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GRADY EMS- After some discussion Chairman Lewis asked for this to be put on the next work session agenda.

HOLIDAY & MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2021- Commissioners looked over the holiday and meeting schedule for the year 2021. Motion made by Hayes to approve the holiday and meeting schedule for 2021. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

EMERGENCY SERVICES FEE ORDINANCE 04-2020 1st READING- Chairman Lewis read Ordinance 04-2020 Emergency services fee. There was some language added in the Ordinance that churches **will not** be exempt and cemeteries will be exempt from the emergency services fee. This was the 1st reading.

P17-2020 CAPITALIZATION POLICY- Chairman Lewis went over the capitalization policy with everyone. Motion made by Blackmon to approve P17-2020 Capitalization policy. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

P7-2020 COLLECTION POLICY- Chairman Lewis explained and read the collection policy to everyone. After reading and discussing this policy, Motion made by Hayes to approve P7-2020 Collection Policy. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

Motion made by Blackmon to return to regular session. Second by Hayes. 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 8:50 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
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2020
3:00 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:20 P.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-

Chairman Lewis added River Valley update to the agenda. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GRADY EMS- Weeks stated that he is going to set up a meeting the week after Thanksgiving with the other counties to discuss what our options are.

FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY- Weeks explained that some of the Road Dept. employees have been working on cleaning the walking trail up. Ms. Kim Burnette has asked about helping with this cleanup. Weeks stated that he would welcome anyone that wants to help with this project. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to have this added to the Recreation Dept. December agenda. Lewis also asked Weeks to reach out to Andrew College and Southwest Georgia Tech. horticultural dept. for help with planting new vegetation. Vice Chairman asked if Weeks could find out if we could get permission to cut the damaged trees.

RIVER VALLEY UPDATE- Chairman Lewis explained to everyone that the guest speaker at the River Valley meeting was the Mayor of Ocilla. Ocilla is located in Irwin County Georgia. The Mayor spoke about small town America and currently has a pod cast titled Small Town America. They also discussed the scams that have been going on during this pandemic.

Chairman Lewis told everyone that this meeting was very beneficial for small towns.

Chairman Lewis suggested that that the Commissioners need to start having quarterly meetings with other Commissioners from the surrounding counties. This will help with making sure that we are all on the same page.

BUDGET- Chairman Lewis opened the discussion on the budget. Financial Officer Odom suggested that they just needed to look over the Constitutional Officers budgets. Weeks asked about the travel and training for the Commissioners. After a lengthy discussion about the budget, nothing was voted on at this time.

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Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to setup a meeting with the newly elected Sheriff, Charles Davis, Mr. Weeks, and Chairman Lewis. He would like to meet the week after Thanksgiving.

Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to setup a meeting with Fire Chief John Everett Pate, Mr. Weeks, and Vice Chairman Blackmon to discuss purchasing a new fire truck.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

____ Not present _____

____ Not present _____

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager