

**AGENDA**  
**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers      **APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

November 2021      **APPROVED**

MINUTES

Public Hearing minutes October 12, 2021      **APPROVED**  
Regular meeting minutes October 12, 2021      **APPROVED**  
Called meeting minutes October 19, 2021      **APPROVED**  
Called meeting minutes October 27, 2021      **APPROVED**

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TAX COMMISSIONER

PROBATE

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

SHERIFF

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

LIBRARY

FIRE

EMA DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

\*ACTION ITEM\*

NEW BUSINESS

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Resolution R14-2021 Bridge Repair project      **APPROVED**

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Region 6 DBHDD Regional Advisory Council vacancy      **TABLED**

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Health Board Appointment      **TABLED**

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Water & Sewage Authority Board Appointment      **TABLED**

\*ACTION ITEM\*

Recreation Board Appointments: Royzell Wilson, Gloria Johnson,  
Urvashi Foster, and Chris Bland

**TABLED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**October 12, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The public hearing was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

**PUBLIC HEARING-** Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the public hearing for Lakeside Package store for Mohammad Hossain. No one attended the Public hearing.

**MEETING ADJOURN-**  
Motion to adjourn at 6:30 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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Attorney Tracy Cary, Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** There were no public comments.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the previous month's check register. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**MINUTES**

**September 14, 2021, Regular meeting minutes-** **Motion made by Hayes to approve the regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**MANAGER'S REPORT-**Weeks was present and gave his report on EMS for the month of September.

**GRADY EMS-**Weeks stated that Grady EMS sent over a new contract and as he was reviewing it, he found several errors. As soon as he gets a corrected copy, he will present it to the Board of Commissioners.

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**LMIG-** Weeks explained that there was a bid opening last week here for the bridge projects and there was only 1 bid turned in. Tim Simpson from Barrett and Simpson Engineering reviewed the bid. The bid came in at \$432,000.00 and according to Tim Simpson that would be in line with today's current prices and economy. Weeks stated the we have a couple of options with the bridge projects. One option is to push the project out until the first part of 2022 and we can add our 2022 LMIG funds with our 2021 LMIG funds and use around \$70,000.00 dollars from TSPLOST or we could use our 2021 LMIG funds that we currently have and get the difference that we need from TSPLOST. Chairman Lewis suggested that they should schedule a work session in the next week or two to discuss this some more and that would also give him a chance to speak with the state planning director with GDOT.

Weeks reported to the Board of Commissioners that we had a tractor stolen off of Lower Lumpkin Rd.

Weeks asked the Commissioners to set a date and time for Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29, 2021 from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.

### **Tax Commissioner Report-**

**Probate Report-** Probate Judge Self started by saying that we have had a few good months of collections. Judge Self explained that we use a company called Criminal Justice Technologies "CJT" to keep up with all citations written. This company has never had a collection agency in the past. CJT's parent company started a collection agency. He explained that this company sent out letters in September and we started receiving money in October for old citations that have not been paid. There is a 40% surcharge that is paid to this company for the collection but that is paid by the person that the citation was written to. Judge Self went onto to let everyone know that we have a very important election going on right now. This election is to vote for or against the continuation of the ESPLOST tax.

### **SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-**

### **SHERIFF REPORT-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting to remind everyone about the Appreciation/Community Day on October 23, 2021 at the Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be free food and school supplies. Mask will be required inside

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and out due to the virus. The Health Dept. will also be offering the flu vaccine along with the COVID vaccine at this event

**Library-** Mrs. Fair was present at the meeting and gave a brief report. Mrs. Fair stated that the new library is moving right along. She is still very hopeful that the new Library will be open by mid-December. She stated there will be a program at the school on Wednesday at the afterschool program. She said they are still working with the school on several programs.

**Fire Dept. Report-** Fire Chief Pate was present and gave his report. He started by saying they are in the process of getting a new fire truck. This truck will be able to hold a massive amount of water which will be very beneficial out in the County. He stated they have started a new volunteer suppression class. This will increase our roster from 20 members to 28 members. Clay county has 4 members in this class as well. Pate said that they need 8 new sets of turn out gear. They have the money to be able to purchase the gear. Pate said they get calls from the school to come and bring the firetruck for the kids to look at and they put a little program on for the kids to get them familiar with the firefighters and talk to them about becoming a firefighter. Pate stated that these volunteers work hard and put in a lot of their time to make all these things possible. Pate explained the the amount of training hours that are now required by Georgia Fire standards and training is changing from 95 hours to 250 hours.

#### **CHAIRMAN REPORT-**

#### **OLD BUSINESS-**

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

#### **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 02-2021 EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSESSMENT-**

Chairman Lewis read Ordinance amendment 02-2021 to Ordinance 03-2018 to change the Emergency service fee to Emergency service assessment. This was the 2nd reading of this ordinance. **Motion made by Hayes to approve Ordinance 02-2021. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**HEADSTART PROCLAMATION-** Chairman Lewis read the Headstart proclamation to everyone. October is National Headstart month. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Headstart proclamation. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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**HEALTH BOARD APPT.-** Chairman Lewis stated that we need someone to fill a vacancy on the Health Board. Chairman Lewis explained what is involved with being on this board. The Commissioners stated they will be looking for someone to appoint to the Health board.

**LAKESIDE PACKAGE STORE-** Chairman Lewis stated that this is the store located at 1193 US Hwy 82 Georgetown, Ga. After reviewing all the information, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to approve the Distilled Spirits application for Lakeside Package store. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

Chairman Lewis stated that no decisions were made during Executive session.

Work session scheduled for Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**APPEARANCES –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 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  
OCTOBER 19, 2021  
4:00 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, and Hayes. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

County Auditor Richard Wingate and John DeLoach with DeLoach, Wingate & Company P.C. (Kinsey was present via phone). (Bussey was not present).

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda with adding Budget amendment and Silicon Ranch. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**DELOACH AND WINGATE 2020 AUDIT REPORT-** Richard Wingate of DeLoach, Wingate & Company P.C. was here to present the FY 2020 audit and explain their responsibilities as the auditors and our responsibilities as well. After a lengthy discussion about the audit, there were three findings. 1. Absence of appropriate segregation of duties consistent with appropriate control objectives. 2. Evidence of failure to perform tasks that are part of internal control. 3. Management should more closely monitor expenditures to safeguard they are in line with appropriations. Wingate gave recommendations to correct these findings as stated in the audit. Mr. Wingate ended the discussion by saying that the staff and Constitutional officers were all helpful, displayed skill and very knowledgeable.

**HOLIDAY & MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022-** Chairman Lewis briefly went over the holiday and meeting schedule for YR 2022. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the 2022 holiday and meeting schedule. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**HEALTH BOARD APPT.-** Chairman Lewis asked if anyone had a suggestion for the vacancy on the Health board. This was tabled until the November regular commission meeting.

**GRADY EMS CONTRACT-** Weeks went over the Grady EMS contract with the Board of Commissioners. After some discussion, Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go back to Grady and

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get some of the language changed in the contract. He also asked that the descriptions be added under Section C.

**SILICON RANCH-** Weeks stated that he received a phone call regarding the check that was sent to Growing Quitman. Chairman Lewis explained that this check has been canceled and Silicon Ranch is waiting to hear from the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Authority Board to whom to issue a new check to. Chairman Lewis also stated that he wants to have our County Attorney Tracy Cary move forward with OneQuitman and file the 501©3 paperwork.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 5:16 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 JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks. (Blackmon not present.)

Water & Sewage Authority Board members present were: Richard Pitts, Joyce Jones, Art Neville, Derrick Norris, and Carrie Culver. Water & Sewage Authority Board Office Manager Ashaki Cunningham.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda with adding joint Executive Session and Executive session Board of Commissioners. **Motion made by Bussey to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Lewis, Pitts, Jones, Neville, Norris, and Culver.

**WATER RATES-** Chairman Lewis opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and volunteering their time to discuss the proposed new water rates. Chairman Lewis asked Neville what the rates are for Commercial accounts. Neville went over the proposed plan and stated that the Commercial rates are based on a percentage and calculated with a formula. He went over some of the estimates that Bill Powell put together. Chairman Lewis stated that he understands that this is a difficult process. Lewis asked Weeks what were his thoughts and opinion about the plan that Mr. Powell created. Weeks explained that in the years that he was with the Water & Sewage Dept. there had been a rate increase during that time and Mr. Powell did a proposed plan then but it was not fitting for what the Water & Sewage Board at that time wanted to do. Weeks stated that they do not have to go with this proposed plan. Lewis also asked Mrs. Cunningham her thoughts and opinion on the proposed plan. Cunningham said that she would like for the Board to come up with their own base line commercial rate and start there first before changing anything with residential customers. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed by everyone that they want to come up with a plan that is equitable and be able to explain the plan to the public. Chairman Lewis asked Chairman Neville of the Water Board if he would agree for two of the

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Water Board members to meet with two of the Commissioners along with County Manager Weeks and discuss other rate options.

Weeks informed everyone about the generator located at the lift station on Depot Rd. It was included in the funds that have already been obtained. As soon as they finish the pond liner, the generator is the next project on the list. Weeks explained that they are going to install a mobile diesel bypass pump on the pumpstation located on Mckenzie St. that is the main pumpstation that pumps everything to the treatment plant. The generator that is currently at Mckenzie St. will be moved to Depot Rd. They are going to pour a concrete slab on Depot Rd. for this generator to be installed on permanently. This will eliminate several issues. Weeks spoke with Chad Griffin with Stillwater Eng. about additional funds for other issues that we are having and he informed Weeks that there will be more ARRP funds to apply for next year. **Motion made by Kinsey to repair the aerator that needs to be repaired at the treatment plant. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Bussey to close regular session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to go into executive session to discuss personnel for Water & Sewage Authority Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to close executive session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. No decision was made in executive session for personnel with the Water & Sewage Authority Board. **Motion made by Kinsey to reopen regular session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Hayes to close regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to close executive session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to return to regular session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated no decision was made in executive session for personnel.

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**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 6:17 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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