

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

R6-2021 Resolution appoint Adriane Alexander Tax Assessor Board
Ameris Bank Loan for Sheriff Dept. vehicles
Local Economic Dev. Authority Board Appointment- Jerry Green
(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MARCH 2021

MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes February 9, 2021

Public Hearing February 16, 2021

Called meeting minutes February 24, 2021

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TAX COMMISSIONER- Delinquent taxes

PROBATE

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

SHERIFF

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-Report in hand

LIBRARY

FIRE

EMA DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

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Rotary-Community Center usage

R12-2020 General Fund Budget

2021-01 Exhibit A Budget Amendment

2021-02 Exhibit A Budget Amendment

Warranty on Voting Machines

Morris voting precinct

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis stated that there were some agenda amendments. Randolph County Jail agreement, Clerk of Court part time employee, Reduce Local Eco. Dev. Authority Board from seven members to five, and Southwest Ga. Regional Dev. Authority Board Appts. The Southwest Ga. Regional Dev. Authority Board Appts. was added in error and changed to the Local Eco. Dev. Authority Board Appts. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Mr. Tony Murray a citizen of Georgetown-Quitman County came to voice his concern about the Occupational Tax License fee. Mr. Murray feels like the fee is too high for a small business like his. Weeks explained that this is the base fee for the Occupational Tax license set by the Commissioners. Chairman Lewis stated that this might be something that they can look at when they start the FY 2022 budget process for sole proprietorship businesses.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

Motion made by Kinsey to approve previous month's check register. Second by Hayes.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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MINUTES

January 12, 2021 Regular meeting minutes. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Hayes was not present at the January 12, 2021 regular meeting.)

January 28, 2021 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey and Hayes were not present at the January 28, 2021 called meeting.)

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks gave his report on E.M.S. for January.

LED SIGN- Weeks explained that he has been in contact with Fast Signs about all the issues that we have been having with the LED sign since it was put up. The manufacture is going to replace the digital part of the sign as soon as they get a good dry day.

C.D.B.G. - Weeks reported there are several issues on Depot Street after looking at it after all the rain that we have received. He has met with Pierre Rakel with SOWEGA Engineering, and the contractor is coming back to take care of all the problems. Weeks also stated that we are still holding the final payment until all of these problems are fixed.

RECREATION BOARD- Weeks said he received an email from Kor Kat, the company out of Carrollton, Ga., that we ordered the playground equipment from. They have given him a tentative date for delivering the equipment of March 15, 2021.

LMIG FUNDS- Weeks reported that we have received the LMIG funds for 2021 in the amount of \$172,270.97. Weeks said that we can move forward with some projects. This will be discussed in the near future.

SPEED BUMPS- Weeks stated that speed bumps would be installed in the next few days on Depot St. Several citizens have requested them.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-

TAX COMMISSIONER- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward announced that she will have a tax sale on April 6, 2021.

CLERK OF COURT- Superior Court Clerk Becky Fendley stated that Grand Jury would start on March 22, 2021.

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

Probate report-

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OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

APPROVAL OF FY 2021 MONTHLY RECURRING PAYMENTS-

Motion made by Blackmon to approve the FY 2021 monthly recurring payments. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R3-2021 SAFETY COORDINATOR RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis read the Safety Coordinator Resolution. **Motion made by Bussey to approve R3-2021 Safety Coordinator Resolution. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R4-2021 VOLUNTEERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS RESOLUTION - Chairman Lewis read Volunteers and Elected officials Resolution. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve R4-2021 Volunteers and Elected Officials Resolution. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

SWGA REGIONAL ECO. DEV. AUTH. BOARD INSURANCE- Chairman Lewis explained that we have the SWGA Regional Eco. Dev. Authority Board as a rider on our insurance policy and it has been recommended by ACCG that the Authority needs to come off our insurance and seek their own. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to remove coverage as of March 31, 2021. **Motion made by Blackmon to remove the insurance coverage for the SWGA Regional Eco. Dev. Authority Board as of March 31, 2021. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

LIBRARY APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis explained that Ms. Mary Gibbs would no longer be able to serve on the library board. Ms. Wylene Eleby has agreed to serve on the library board. **Motion made by Blackmon to appoint Ms. Wylene Eleby to the Quitman County Library board. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

REDUCE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEV. BOARD- Chairman Lewis explained to everyone that the Local Economic Dev. Board by laws currently states that this board shall have seven members. This board has not had seven members since it was first created. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that he would like to reduce the board to a 5-member board. **Motion made by Hayes to reduce the Local Economic De. Board from seven members to five members. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

CLERK OF COURT PART TIME EMPLOYEE- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve to increase the Clerk of Court budget by \$10,000 to fund a part time employee. **Motion**

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made by Kinsey to approve the budget increase for the part time employee for the Clerk of Court. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Lewis. Voting No-Blackmon. Hayes did not say Yes or No. *–Unless a Commissioner indicates that he or she is abstaining or voting against the motion, it will be assumed that he or she has voted in favor of the motion.*

Chairman Lewis made the statement that he would like to create a Personnel Committee. He asked if Commissioner Kinsey would consider being on the committee along with 2 employees and 1 constitutional officer.

RANDOLPH COUNTY JAIL AGREEMENT- Chairman Lewis asked Odom and Weeks if they had already looked at the agreement. Odom stated that she did and the contract is the same as the previous one that was already in place. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Randolph County Jail agreement. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

LOCAL ECO. DEV. AUTHORITY BOARD- Chairman Lewis stated that Tyrice Foster has been appointed to the Local Economic Development Authority Board to replace Kim Burnette.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Blackmon to close the regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to go into executive session to discuss personnel. 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 Kinsey to reopen regular session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Nothing was discussed in executive session that required a vote.

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 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
FY 2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
5:30PM**

CALLED TO ORDER The public hearing was called to order at 5:30 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. (Blackmon was not present.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Motion made by Hayes to approve the agenda. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

PUBLIC HEARING- Chairman Lewis opened the floor for the Budget public hearing. Lewis stated there was a procedural error in the placement of the ad with the Eufaula Tribune. Therefore, it was necessary to redo the Budget Public hearing. No one attended the Budget Public hearing.

MEETING ADJOURN-

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

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| 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
FEBRUARY 24, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:24 p.m. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes and Kinsey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks. (Bussey was not present.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Chairman Lewis asked for any agenda amendments. **Motion made by Hayes to add the Community Garden to the agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R5-2021 RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE MEMBERS FROM 7 TO 5 ON THE LOCAL ECO. DEV. AUTHORITY BOARD-

County Clerk stated that County Attorney Tracy Cary is still preparing this Resolution. Chairman Lewis said to add this to the March agenda.

TIA- Chairman Lewis explained that he is the Chairman this year for the Technical advisory board. County Manager Jason Weeks agreed to serve as a member on this board. Weeks explained that in 2019 he had Tim Simpson get cost estimates on some projects. He went back and had Simpson update those numbers due to cost increases. The two projects were to pave Deer Point Rd and Mossy Oak. To pave 1 mile of Deer Point Rd. it would cost \$1,115,990.00. To do 1 mile in Mossy Oak the cost would be \$ 1,111,670.40. These figures do not include land acquisitions or engineering cost. These are just rough cost estimates. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to get these numbers to be able to submit projects for the regional TSPLOST funding. He would like to be able to submit Deer Point Rd., Mossy Oak, Walking Trail and a few bridge projects.

NURSE CONTRACT- Chairman Lewis asked Probate Judge Matt Self to explain the nurse contract. Judge Self is working on getting a contract for a licensed nurse that can draw blood for the court system when the Sheriff's office or State Troopers need blood drawn for roadblocks or traffic stops.

OLD GYM RENOVATIONS- Chairman Lewis informed everyone that Mr. Dan McKenzie has approached him about wanting to buy the old gym. Chairman Lewis would like to check into

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repairing the Gym. Chairman Lewis would like Weeks to get with the architect with Studio 8 to come look at the gym, courthouse, and old probate building.

COMMUNITY GARDEN- Probate Judge Self wants to start a community maintained garden to help feed the less fortunate citizens of Georgetown-Quitman County. Judge Self has spoken with Eddie Moore from Central Point Marine and he has 5 acres that can be used for the garden. Judge Self has talked with a couple of vendors about donating seed, plants and fertilizer. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to check with some of the other counties that already have community gardens about their liability release form that they have in place. The question was asked about the water that would be used for the garden. Judge Self said he would get with the Water Board about that.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

- **Motion made by Blackmon to close Regular session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.
- **Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation & personnel. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.
- **Motion made by Kinsey to close Executive session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.
- **Motion made by Blackmon to return to Regular Session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis (Nothing was discussed in the executive session that required a vote).

Motion to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

NOT PRESENT

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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