

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

R13-2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS ONE TIME PYMT
Ordinance Amendment 02-2021 to Ordinance 03-2018 Emergency
Service Assessment 1st reading

Surplus vehicle for Sheriff Dept.

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers **APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

September 2021 **APPROVED**

MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes August 10, 2021 **APPROVED**

Called meeting minutes August 17, 2021 **APPROVED**

Called meeting minutes August 24, 2021 **APPROVED**

Called meeting minutes August 31, 2021 **APPROVED**

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS **REPORT**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TAX COMMISSIONER

PROBATE

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

SHERIFF

REPORT

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

LIBRARY

FIRE

EMA DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

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Definitions of Employees Personnel Policy **APPROVED**

Recreation Board resignation letter (Kathy Hayes) **APPROVED**

R13-2021 American Rescue Plan Funds One Time Pymt APPROVED
Ordinance Amendment 02-2021 to Ordinance 03-2018 Emergency

Service Assessment 1st reading READ

ACTION ITEM

Surplus vehicle for Sheriff Dept.

APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 amended agenda as presented. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments. There were none at this time.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

July 13, 2021, Regular meeting minutes- **Motion made by Hayes to approve the regular meeting minutes. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Kinsey was not present at the July 13, 2021 meeting).

July 29, 2021 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Called meeting minute. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Kinsey was not present at the July 29, 2021 meeting).

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

GRADY EMS- Weeks stated the zoom meeting with Grady was successful. Grady expressed that they are looking forward to continuing to work with Quitman and Clay County. Randolph County has still not made a decision on this service but their decision will not affect Quitman and Clay County.

LMIG- Weeks said he spoke with Tim Simpson from Barrett and Simpson Engineering about our 2021 LMIG projects on the state mandated bridge repairs. Simpson told Weeks that he has the plans drawn up and this will be in the paper in the next two weeks to accept bids on these projects.

TRUNK OR TREAT- Weeks explained to the Commissioners that we have had some citizens asking if we were going to be able to do Trunk or Treat this year. Everyone seems to be in favor of doing this but will take all the necessary precautions due to COVID-19.

Tax Commissioner Report- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward was present at the meeting and gave a brief update. She stated that they have a new website for the Tax Commissioner office and she is very pleased with it. She went onto say that on the tax bill the Emergency Service Fee would now be called Emergency Service Assessment and the bills should go out the first of September.

Probate Report- Probate Judge Matt Self was present at the meeting and gave a report for the month and the money collected. Judge Self also addressed the Commissioners about his concerns with ordering citizens to clean up properties for Code Enforcement without a place for them to haul the debris. Judge Self stated he would get with each Commissioner individually about this issue to get their ideas and thoughts on this matter. Judge Self went onto to say that there is a special election coming up for the Board of Education. Advance voting starts October 11, 2021 and the regular voting day is November 2, 2021.

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Family Connections Coordinator Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave a brief update for the month. Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs went over the Appreciation/Community Day that is being held on September 18, 2021 at the Community

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Center. She explained that there will be free food and school supplies. Mask will be required inside and out due to the virus.

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

2021-03 EXHIBIT A BUDGET AMENDMENTS- Chairman Lewis read 2021-03 Exhibit A budget amendments. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve these amendments. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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 1st reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE 03-2021 SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE- Chairman Lewis stated that there are some errors on the speed limits on this ordinance. This will be tabled to be discussed at the next work session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Blackmon to close regular session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation, personnel, and real estate. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to close executive session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to reopen regular session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey for the Tax Commissioner to move forward on collections on the unpaid Emergency Service Fees. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. The Commissioners will send a letter confirming their support. The Commissioners agreed to the November 2021 special election requested by the Quitman County Board of Education. Chairman Lewis stated the Commissioners heard the request from the Election Superintendent.

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Motion made by Hayes to approve the Board of Education paying the Election Superintendent for his time for the special election in November 2021. Second by Kinsey.

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

Chairman Lewis asked everyone to please look at their calendar to pick a date for a work session. The work session is scheduled for August 31, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES – Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Jim Copp the director for Lower Chattahoochee Regional E-911 Authority Board if he would stand and give his report and update. Mr. Copp started by thanking the Commissioners for allowing him to have this time to give a brief update. Mr. Copp gave his update for the month and his new ideas and accomplishments.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 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**

August 17, 2021

4:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Kinsey, Hayes, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks. (Blackmon was not present at the meeting).

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Chairman Lewis asked for any agenda amendments. Commissioner Kinsey asked to add handicap parking at Bluff Park boat landing. Also, need to add LeCraw Engineering combination plat for Georgetown Dollar General, LLC. **Motion made by Kinsey to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

BEER & WINE APPLICATION GEORGETOWN COUNTRY CORNER- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve this beer and wine application. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the beer and wine application for Georgetown Country Corner at 1856 US Hwy 82. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF DEPT.- Chairman Lewis went over the vehicles and the boat that Sheriff Davis wants to have declared surplus to be able to sell.

- 1) Dodge Charger 2014 Vin#6150 Tag#GV4593D
- 2) Ford Crown Vic 2010 Vin# 3606 Tag# GV4628B
- 3) Ford Crown Vic 2010 Vin#3607 Tag# GV4627B
- 4) 25 Ft. Challenger Boat 175 hp outboard motor

Motion made by Bussey to have all above items declared as surplus. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

REGION 7 EMS COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- Weeks stated that it is time to reappoint John E. Pate to this board but after checking with Mr. Pate he did not want to be reappointed. He suggested Tina White as a replacement. Weeks said that he will check with Mrs. White.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT QUITMAN K-12- Chairman Lewis explained that the school is requesting one of the Commissioners to serve on the Community Advisory Committee board. **Motion made by Hayes to allow Willie Bussey to serve on this Committee to represent Georgetown-Quitman County. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

HANDICAP PARKING AT BLUFF PARK BOAT LANDING- Commissioner Kinsey stated that he had been approached about adding handicap parking at the boat landing. Weeks

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explained he had been approached about the same thing and this is something that we are going to try to do if there is room in the cul de sac area. Weeks said he has already ordered the paint to repaint the parking spots and with room permitting this is something that he will make happen.

R12-2021 ADOPT MILL RATE RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis went over Resolution R12-2021 to adopt the mill rate as follows: County Wide Millage rate at 15.884 mills, County Wide School Millage rate at 13.986 mills, School Bond rate at 1.987 mills. Total mill rate for 2021 County wide 31.837 mills. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve R12-2021 Mill rate Resolution. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Motion made by Kinsey to reopen the Called meeting. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

COMBINATION PLAT FOR GEORGETOWN DOLLAR GENERAL, LLC- Chairman Lewis stated that we received a combination plat for the Georgetown Dollar General, LLC from LeCraw Engineering firm. This survey for the combination of parcels has been reviewed by Planning and Zoning and it was recommended that this be approved by the Commission. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the combination of parcels located in land lot 317 of the 8th district of Georgetown-Quitman County. Parcel 1 previous owner Forest McKenzie Brunson Jr. DB 64, Pg. 677 and parcel 2 previous owner Annie C. Hunter, Jerry Hunter, and Betty B. Hunter. DB 89, Pg. 146. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

_____ was 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 24, 2021

4:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:18 p.m. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Kinsey, Hayes, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Chairman Lewis asked for any agenda amendments. County Manager Weeks asked to add matching funds from the American Rescue Act funds. **Motion made by Hayes to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS- Weeks explained that he spoke with Chad Griffin from Stillwaters Engineering and he informed Weeks about some other federal funds that are available to help with infrastructure for water and sewer that didn't get distributed to the cities and counties. Mr. Griffin is working with River Valley Regional Commission to write grants to help repair a water main on US Hwy 82 and Lower Lumpkin Rd., fire hydrants that need to be replaced or are in need of repair because they leak, and to update the meter reading meter system. All of these projects combined would be around a cost of \$800,000.00 dollars. The matching portion that we would owe would be \$160,000.00 dollars and we can use the American Rescue Act funds. Mr. Griffin has everything ready but needs the approval from the Commissioners to submit the application. **Motion made by Blackmon to use the American Rescue Act funds in the amount of \$160,000.00 dollars to cover the Counties matching portion for these projects. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –**Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive session to discuss real estate at 4:37 p.m. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to close executive session at 5:23 p.m. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to return to regular session at 5:25 p.m. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Motion made by Blackmon to give a 50% tax abatement for five years to Forestry Pontoon Company, deed them 7 acres of land, and give them freeport tax exemption for the first 5 years and do a 20% reduction every year until it is gone. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated

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that we would utilize all state programs that we can. All of this is based on the minimum state requirements being met. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:38 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 31, 2021
1:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Kinsey, Hayes, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

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

MOBILE COMM. AMERICA (MOTOROLA) AGREEMENT- Chairman Lewis asked Financial Officer Odom to explain this agreement to everyone. Odom stated that this agreement will cover all maintenance on our existing repeater as well as a second repeater to be installed alongside the existing repeater. The agreement will also cover all radios we currently have for any defects. This agreement will cost \$726.09 per month for the five years. **Motion made by Kinsey to enter into the agreement with Mobile Communications America for five years at \$726.09 per month. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

DEBT FORGIVENESS POLICY— Chairman Lewis went over the debt forgiveness policy for the Water and Sewer Authority. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the Debt Forgiveness policy. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE- Weeks stated that most of the speed limits listed for the County roads are not correct. Weeks said he is going to contact DOT to get these corrected. Chairman Lewis said as soon as this gets updated, they will come back to approve this.

ROAD DEPT. OPERATIONS- Weeks explained that we have 2 positions open with the Road Dept. Weeks would like to do pay increases for the Road Dept. He stated that he went over the budget with Odom and with making the pay increases that he is requesting will not affect the budget. Weeks recommended that we start all new Road Dept. employees at \$10.00 per hour and after 90 days increase to \$10.25 per hour. He would like to increase the current Road Dept. employees that are the lowest paid to \$10.75 per hour. Vice Chairman stated that he would like everyone to start at \$10.00 per hour. Chairman Lewis asked if Blackmon, Bussey, Odom, and Weeks could get together to make a recommendation to the Commission Board. Weeks asked that his pay increase request begin the next pay period. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the pay increases recommended by Weeks and will be effective the next pay period. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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C & D DISPOSAL- Weeks explained to everyone that Probate Judge Self has some concerns about ordering people to clean up their property and having somewhere, to be able to dispose of the items. This was discussed and it was decided that there are several options available in place for people to be able to dispose of C & D materials.

Weeks asked the board how they would like to handle COVID-19 pay. He stated that we are currently paying employees Covid pay while the employee is out after testing positive for Covid. Weeks and Wilson will write a policy concerning Covid pay and present it to the Board for their approval.

APPEARANCES -

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 1:50 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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