

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS
APPROVAL OF BILLS
MINUTES

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)
Check Registers
FEBUARY 2023
Regular meeting minutes January 10, 2023
Called meeting minutes January 17, 2023
Called meeting minutes February 9, 2023

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

R1-23 Safety Coordinator Resolution
R2-23 Volunteers & Elected Officials Work Comp. Resolution
2022-03 Budget Amendment Exhibit A
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MEETING ADJOURN

JANUARY 10, 2023 Board Meeting

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GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:30 p.m. The Honorable Judge Matt Self approached the front to swear in Commissioners Carvel Lewis, David Kinsey, and Willie H. Bussey Jr. for 2023-2026. Chairman Lewis followed with a prayer and the pledge. Chairman Lewis relinquished himself and asked Vice Chairman Danny Blackmon to take over the meeting. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

Judge Self explained to the Commissioners that there are machines that are taking the place of the paper that you sign for your oath on election day. Judge Self stated he will need 4 machines. The cost is \$645.00 each and come with a 2- year maintenance plan. He stated that we will need to purchase these by mid- 2023.

Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Bussey nominated Carvel Lewis for Chairman and Danny Blackmon for Vice Chairman. **Motion made by Hayes to appoint Carvel Lewis for Chairman and Danny Blackmon for Vice Chairman. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis took back over the meeting.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments at this time. There were no public comments at this time.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

December 13, 2022 Public Hearing minutes-Motion made by Bussey to approve the Public Hearing minutes. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon. (Lewis was not present at the December 13, 2022 Public hearing.)

December 13, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-Motion made by Hayes to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey. Chairman Lewis asked Commissioner Bussey to rescind his motion. Commissioner Bussey rescinded his motion. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 Regular meeting minutes to exclude Resolution R15-2022 **Motion made by Hayes to approve the December 13, 2022 Regular meeting minutes to exclude Resolution R15-2022. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, and Blackmon. (Lewis was not present at the December 13, 2022 Regular meeting.)

MANAGER'S REPORT- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks gave the EMS report for December and stated the everything seems to be going well with Ameripro.

GOVDEALS- Weeks stated that he setup a training for the Commission office on how to navigate GovDeals. GovDeals is a liquidity services marketplace where we can list items for sale that have been declared surplus by the Commissioners. Mr. Matt Wilson with GovDeals is coming to do the training. Weeks stated that the office will be closed for about an hour to go thru the training.

ROAD DEPT.- Weeks stated that the Road dept. has been picking up tires on the side of the roads. They have picked up over 80 tires in one day. Weeks stated that this is a costly expense and have had 940 tires picked up from the landfill to have hauled away. The County pays \$3.00 per tire to a company to haul them off.

Weeks asked the Commissioners to look at their calendars to schedule a work session to go over the road list for LMIG. The work session is scheduled for January 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-

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Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

APPROVAL OF FY 2023 MONTHLY RECURRING PAYMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the FY 2023 monthly recurring payments. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the FY 2023 monthly recurring payments. Second by Hayes.**-Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPOINT COUNTY ATTORNEY- Vice-Chairman Blackmon asked that this be tabled for now.

APPOINT AUDITOR-Vice- Chairman Blackmon asked that this be tabled for now.

LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER, SOIL, & WATER CONSERVATION

DISTRICT- Chairman Lewis read over the banquet that is taking place on January 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

VYBEZ RESTAURANT & LOUNGE ON PREMISES BEER, WINE, & DISTILLED

SPIRITS LICENSE- Chairman Lewis stated that this will be tabled at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Blackmon to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation & personnel. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to close executive session. Second by Blackmon.** 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. Chairman Lewis stated that nothing was done in executive session that required a vote.

The Commission tabled Vybez Restaurant & Lounge on premises Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits License until the work session on January 17, 2023.

APPOINT COUNTY ATTORNEY-Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Jarrad-Davis as the County Attorney for FY 2023. **Motion made by Blackmon to continue County Attorney services with Jarrad-Davis for FY 2023. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R15-2022 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to send Resolution R15-2022 and all documents concerning it to County attorney Jarrad & Davis and to ACCG legal council for review. **Motion made by Kinsey to send Resolution R15-2022 and all documents concerning it to County attorney Jarrad & Davis and to ACCG legal council for review. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Voting No-Bussey.

APPOINT COUNTY AUDITOR-Chairman Lewis called for a motion to appoint a County auditor. **Motion made by Kinsey to appoint Richard Wingate as the County Auditor for FY 2023. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Blackmon. Lewis and Hayes abstained from voting.

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APPEARANCES – Mr. Doug Redding was present to give the annual report from Georgia Forestry for 2022. Mr. Redding gave each Commissioner a report with statistics for Georgetown-Quitman County. Chairman Lewis thanked Mr. Redding for coming and giving his report.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 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 JOINT MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

CALLLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Blackmon at 9:32 a.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. County Manager Jason Weeks. Financial Officer Teri Odom. Water & Sewer Authority Board members present were: Richard Pitts, Amy Self, Joyce Jones, Jimmy Scott and Jerry Green.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Vice-Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the additions of Retirement and Distilled Spirits Ordinance. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Bussey, and Blackmon.

PER DIEM & MILEAGE RATE- Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the discussion about per diem and mileage rate. Weeks explained that per diem for board members is currently \$25.00 per day and meal reimbursement is \$30.00 per day. Weeks also stated that currently the mileage rate is 62.5 cents per mile. The federal rate increased from 62.5 cents per mile to 65.5 cents per mile. After some discussion, a **motion was made by Kinsey to increase the per diem for board members to \$30.00 per day, meal reimbursement to \$40.00 per day, and increase the mileage rate to 65.5 cents per mile. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD- Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the joint discussion with the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Mrs. Joyce Jones started the discussion by stating that they have been trying to figure out what the definition is for a Commercial establishment to be able to set commercial rates for Water & Sewer. Mrs. Amy Self read the current definition of Commercial establishment in our ordinance. Weeks suggested to the Water & Sewer Authority Board that they contact Jeff Hanner with Georgia Rural Water Association. Weeks stated that this is what GWRA does and that we pay membership dues for their assistance on matters such as this. Weeks said that he will call Jeff Hanner and ask him to come to the next Water Board meeting. Chairman Lewis arrived at 9:55 a.m. Vice Chairman Blackmon briefed Chairman Lewis on what has been discussed. The Water & Sewer Authority Board left at 10:18 a.m.

Lewis asked the Commissioners to look at their calendar for the first week of February. Chairman Lewis would like to setup a meeting between the Commissioners and the School board. Chairman Lewis asked Mrs. Wilson to check with the School to meet either February 9th or February 16th 2023.

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LMIG- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the road projects for LMIG. Weeks went over the different paving project and the amounts. After some discussion, a **motion was made by Blackmon to approve the FY 2023 LMIG paving project. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

VYBEZ RESTAURANT & LOUNGE ON PREMISES BEER, WINE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS LICENSE- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to explain to everyone about the Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits license for Vybez Restaurant & Lounge. Weeks stated that the owners of Vybez were not able to open in 2022 therefore they were not able to use the license that they purchased for Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits. The owners have asked the Commission to grant them the use of their year 2022 license for the year 2023 without having to purchase another license. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Vybez Restaurant & Lounge to use their year 2022 Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits on premises license for 2023 without having to pay because they have not used the license for the year 2022 due to not being able to open for reasons beyond their control. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RETIREMENT- Chairman Lewis asked Vice Chairman Blackmon to give a brief update on trying to get a retirement program started. Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that the County does not have the money to fund retirement. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that we got to get started even if it starts with a small amount. After some discussion, everyone agreed that they would like get a retirement program in place for employees. This will be discussed after the new budget is adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 11:03 a.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 JOINT MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:06 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. Board of Education board members present were: Chairman Willie Anderson, Jimmy Eleby, Larry Wilborn, Christie Green and School Superintendent Jon Eric Jones.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION- Chairman Lewis turned the meeting over to Jon Eric Jones the School Superintendent. Mr. Jones gave a very informative presentation about staff members, the Board of Education, and where and how money is being spent for the school. He also explained different programs that are offered and future programs they are working on. Several citizens were present and had questions about how they could get involved with helping the school. One citizen asked if the school was going to get a softball field. Mr. Jones stated that they are getting a new athletic complex to include a new baseball/softball field.

Chairman Lewis went over a few things that the County is doing in conjunction with the School, such as the programs at the new Quitman County Library. Chairman Lewis also stated that we have a new business coming to town which is Blue Water Creations, Inc. DBA Forester Pontoons. Chairman Lewis also mentioned that he and Mr. Jones have a meeting on Monday. This meeting is to go over the College and Career Academy for Southwest Georgia that will be built here. The School board will be donating the land for this project. This is for students that are interested in career technical education. Students will be bused here from their high school to attend the College and Career Academy. Chairman Lewis thanked everyone for coming and for all the suggestions and questions. He stated that the feedback from the community is very important. Mr. Jones also thanked everyone for their feedback and he felt that this meeting was very important and helpful.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION- Chairman Anderson called for action on the financial report presented by the school Superintendent Jones. **Motion made by Wilborn to approve the financial report presented by Superintendent Jones. Second by Green.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 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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