

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER
AGENDA AMENDMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENTS
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS
APPROVAL OF BILLS
MINUTES

6:30 p.m.

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)
Check Registers
JULY 2023
Budget Public hearing meeting minutes June 13, 2023
Regular meeting minutes June 13, 2023
Called meeting minutes June 15, 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

Ordinance 02-2023 sec. 42-32 Solid waste ordinance-2nd reading

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Holiday & Meeting schedule for 2024

ACTION ITEM

Dominion warranty on Election equipment

ACTION ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

Kris Peavy with UGA-Introduce new employee

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The Public hearing was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 6:00 p.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Manager Jason Weeks, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Chairman Lewis was not present at the Public Hearing.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for any public comments at this time. Someone asked what the increase is in the budget for this year versus last year. Vice Chairman Blackmon and Financial Officer Odom stated that the budget actually had a decrease. A few different citizens asked questions about the cost of EMS and voiced their concerns with the ambulance service.

Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for their questions and input at the public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 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
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:31 p.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Manager Jason Weeks, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda to add Grady EMS payment, Liquor store request on Depot St., and Executive session to discuss possible litigation. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the amended agenda to add Grady EMS payment, Liquor store request on Depot St., and Executive session to discuss possible litigation. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for any public comments at this time. No comments were made at this time.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

May 9, 2023 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

May 11, 2023 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

May 30, 2023 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey was not present at the May 30, 2023 called meeting.)

June 5, 2023 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 the June 5, 2023 called meeting.)

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MANAGER'S REPORT- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks gave the EMS report for May.

ACCG SAFETY GRANT- Weeks explained that we received the ACCG safety grant for the third year. Weeks stated that he is able to purchase gloves, safety glasses, and rain suits with this grant for all departments. The total amount of the grant is \$1250.00.

LMIG ROAD PAVING PROJECTS- Weeks stated that the paving projects are completed except for striping and reflectors to be put down. Weeks also mentioned that we received 22 truckloads of asphalt milling from the roads that were paved. This milling will be great to use on our dirt roads.

Tax Commissioner Report- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward was present at the meeting. Mrs. Ward wanted to let everyone know that her office would be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday June 15, 2023 and Wednesday June 21, 2023 for software training.

Probate Report- Probate Judge Matt Self was present at the meeting and gave a brief update on his office. Judge Self stated that his office has collected \$89,653.00 since January 1, 2023 and of that amount \$58,405.79 has been paid out to the Quitman County Board of Commission.

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Chairman Lewis asked Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs for her report on Family Connections. Ms. Crumbs went over several items that she is working on. Ms. Crumbs stated that they had a great turn out for the Senior Farmers market. The pick-up date for the Farmers market is on July 7, 2023. Ms. Crumbs went onto say that Family Connections has partnered with The Strength of a Village, Inc. for Community and Culture appreciation day. This will be held on September 23, 2023 at the Community Center. There will be food vendors from different cultures as well as other vendors set up to sell their items. This event is for the entire community.

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS FY 2024 CONTRACT- Chairman Lewis asked the Board to look at the Family Connections contract in their packet if they had not already had a chance to. After a few moments, Chairman Lewis asked if there were any questions or objections to the contract. A **motion was made by Blackmon to approve the Family Connections FY 2024 contract.**

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

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE- Chairman Lewis asked Financial officer Odom to go over the employee health insurance proposals. Odom explained the different proposals and that the current plan we have now had an increase of 6 percent. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the current health insurance plan. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the current health insurance plan. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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RETIREMENT- Chairman Lewis asked Commissioners Kinsey and Hayes about their meeting to go over retirement proposals with County Manager Weeks, Financial officer Odom, and County Clerk Wilson. Commissioner Kinsey stated that after meeting and going over the proposals the best plan for the County employees would allow an employee to participate after 90 days of employment and an employee would be fully vested after 5 years. The County will contribute 2% towards an individual's retirement and the employee can contribute as well. After some discussion, a **motion was made by Blackmon to approve the retirement proposal that would allow an employee to participate after 90 days of employment, the employee would be fully vested after 5 years and the County will contribute 2% towards an individual's retirement. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. County Manager Weeks asked the board if this was going to include the Constitutional officers. Chairman Lewis stated that this would be discussed at the next work session.

ORDINANCE 02-2023 SECTION 42-32 SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE 1st READING-

Chairman Lewis read over Ordinance 02-2023 Section 42-32 Solid waste ordinance. This is a change to the definition of "commercial". Chairman Lewis stated this was the 1st reading of this ordinance.

APPOINT FISCAL AGENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND FAMILY

CONNECTIONS MEETING- After some discussion, this was tabled until the next work session.

RESOLUTION R5-2023 EMERGENCY SVC. ASSESSMENT FUND BUDGET- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R5-2023 Emergency service assessment fund budget. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Resolution R5-2023 Emergency Service assessment fund budget. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R6-2023 E-911 BUDGET- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R6-2023 E-911 budget. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R6-2023 E-911 budget. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R7-2023 LAW LIBRARY BUDGET- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R7-2023 Law Library budget. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve Resolution R7-2023 Law Library budget. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R8-2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R8-2023 General Fund budget. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R8-2023 General Fund budget. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

NON-PROFIT TO USE COMMUNITY CENTER AT NO CHARGE- County Manager Weeks explained to the board that Mrs. Sonya Nolin reached out to him to ask if the Christian Prepper Alliance which is a non-profit group that teaches people how to can foods, make corn meal, garden and such would be allowed to use the Community Center at no charge once a month. Mrs. Nolin was doing this from her home but the group has gotten so large they were trying to find a larger space to use. This is open for the Community to participate in. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to allow the Non-profit group Christian Prepper Alliance to use the

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Community Center at no charge once a month. **Motion made by Kinsey to allow Non-profit group Christian prepper alliance to use the Community Center at no charge once a month. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

WEST CENTRAL GA. REGION 7 RE-APPOINTMENT OF MRS. NORMA HAYES-

Chairman Lewis asked County Clerk Wilson if Mrs. Hayes was willing to continue to serve. Wilson stated that Mrs. Hayes agreed to continue to serve. **Motion made by Blackmon to re-appoint Mrs. Norma Hayes to the West Central Ga. Region 7 Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Hayes abstained due to a conflict of interest.)

RESOLUTION R9-2023 MODIFICATION FOR LOAN CWDRA 20008-Chairman Lewis read over Resolution R9-2023 modification for loan CWDRA 20008. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R9-2023 modification for loan CWDRA 20008. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GRADY EMS FEE- Chairman Lewis explained to everyone that we had a final payment that we were holding from Grady EMS because there were many days that we went without any EMS service. After a brief discussion, a **motion was made by Blackmon to void the check for Grady EMS and to move the money to the contingency fund. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

LIQUOR STORE REQUEST FOR DEPOT RD.- Chairman Lewis stated that the board received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Horst about putting a liquor store on Depot Rd. where the old car wash was located. Currently our ordinance does not allow a liquor store to be placed anywhere that is not on US HWY 82 or abuts to US HWY 82. Commissioner Kinsey asked if this could be tabled to be discussed at the next work session. Commissioner Blackmon stated that he feels like this should be something that is looked at on a case-by-case request. County Manager Weeks advised the board that the Alcohol Ordinance would have to be changed to allow this request. **Motion made by Kinsey to table this request until the next work session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Vice Chairman Blackmon wanted to let everyone know that the work that is being done on Florence St. is set to be an upscale R.V. park. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that if anyone had any questions or comments, he would be glad to answer or discuss them.

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

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APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 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
JUNE 15, 2023
3:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 3:10 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks. Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Kinsey arrived at 3:19 p.m.)

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

NEW HORIZON FY 2024 CONTRACT- Chairman Lewis read over the New Horizon contract for FY 2024 and stated that there haven't been any changes. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the New Horizon FY 2024 contract. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Kinsey was not present for this motion.)

2023-02 EXHIBIT A BUDGET AMENDMENT- Chairman Lewis read over the 2023-02 Exhibit A Budget Amendment. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve 2023-02 Exhibit A Budget amendment. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Kinsey was not present for this motion.)

RETIREMENT- County Manager Weeks advised the board that they had to make a decision if they want to add constitutional officers to the retirement plan and if they are in agreement with the 2 percent contribution from the County and the back payment for employees with seniority. After some discussion, a **motion was made by Bussey to approve the proposed retirement start-up contribution without constitutional officers, and to include the back payment for longevity, and the 2 percent contribution from the County. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

FISCAL AGENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR FAMILY CONNECTIONS MEETING- Chairman Lewis explained that the State is requiring someone from the Fiscal agent to attend the Family Connections meeting. The meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 12:00 p.m. noon. County Manager Weeks said that he will attend the meetings. **Motion made by Kinsey to appoint County Manager Weeks to attend the Family Connections meeting. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

JUNETEENTH- Chairman Lewis asked the board how they felt about adding Juneteenth to the holiday list. After a brief discussion, Chairman Lewis asked County Clerk Wilson to add this to the holiday list to be approved at the July 11, 2023 regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 02-2023 SEC. 42-32 SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE- County Manager Weeks explained that this ordinance did not get advertised within the time frame required after the regular commission meeting. Chairman Lewis read Ordinance 02-2023 Sec. 42-32 Solid waste ordinance. Weeks stated this will be in the legal organ this week in the required time frame.

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LIQUOR STORE REQUEST FOR DEPOT RD.- Chairman Lewis opened the discussion for the request to allow a liquor store to be put on Depot Rd. by changing the alcohol ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, a **motion was made by Blackmon to move forward with having the County attorney make the necessary changes to the alcohol ordinance to allow a liquor store to be put on property that is not on US HWY 82 or abuts to US HWY 82. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Vice-Chairman Blackmon wanted to let everyone know that Governor Kemp will be here on June 27, 2023 between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Forester Pontoon work site for the groundbreaking ceremony.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 3:52 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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