

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2022

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
May 2022
Regular meeting minutes April 12, 2022

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

MEETING ADJOURN

Water & Sewer Authority Board Appt-1vacancy
Library Board Appts- Carvel Lewis, Wylene Eleby
Health Board Appts- Gayle Bennett, Steven King (replace)
DFCS Board Appt-Jackie Waddell
Community Action month Proclamation
County Attorney appointment Jarred & Davis
R4-2022 Resolution for Tax Assessors Board Re-Appointment
Will Smith
Keona Swindler-ESP for the Proclamation

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the current additions: County Attorney letter of resignation, DFCS Board Appt., Planning & Zoning Board Re-Appts., and Water & Sewer Authority Board Re-Appts. **Motion made by Bussey to accept the agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, and Blackmon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Vice Chairman Blackmon asked if there were any public comments at this time. After hearing none, Vice Chairman Blackmon moved on.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Bussey to approve the bills minus the County Attorney bill to Tracy Cary. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

MINUTES

March 8, 2022 Public Hearing minutes- **Motion made by Bussey to approve the public hearing minutes *with the correction that Hayes was present at the Public hearing.* Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, and Blackmon. (Chairman Lewis arrived at this time and apologized for being late.)

March 8, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks was present and gave the total calls for EMS for the month of March. Weeks stated that Jamie Sauls is no longer with Grady EMS. Joe Cowart is now the Director for this area. Weeks also went over the lack of service that we are receiving from Grady. He stated that there has been a lot of personnel changes and is hoping things will get back like they were previously.

ISO INSPECTION- Weeks reported that the ISO inspection was on April 8, 2022. He stated that this was a very detailed inspection. Weeks said it went really well. We will probably not know until sometime in June what our new ISO rating will be. Currently our ISO rating is 7x.

LMIG ON FLORENCE STREET- Weeks stated that there was some work that was done on Florence Street and the contractor that did the work damaged a water line and left it. They have since come back and fixed the water line and fixed the drainage issues that we were also having.

FIRE HYDRANTS- Weeks was asked at a previous meeting about damage to Fire hydrants caused during automobile accidents. He has been researching this question and has found out that if a Fire hydrant is damaged in an automobile accident it would be that persons' insurance responsibility to fix the damaged Fire hydrant. We would just need to make sure it is written in the accident report about the damage to the fire hydrant and who did the damage.

Commissioner Kinsey asked Weeks if he had any new information about the bridges at River Bluff park as far as whose responsibility it will be to fix those bridges. Weeks stated that the Corp of Engineers wants to dispose of the bridges and deed them to the County. Weeks would like to wait and have our County Attorney review the Lease agreement and then take the advice of the attorney.

Tax Commissioner Report- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward was present and stated that they had the annual tax sale. There were 8 properties on the tax sale and all 8 were sold. Mrs. Ward explained that there are 2 inactive churches on the tax digest that have generated Emergency Service Assessments. Mrs. Ward asked if the 2 churches (Liberty Baptist Church and St. Paul Church) could be removed from the tax digest since they are inactive and there is no one that can pay these assessments. **Motion made by Kinsey to remove Liberty Baptist Church and St. Paul Church from the tax digest and remove the Emergency service assessment off of both. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Mrs. Ward asked that a letter be sent to her stating this motion.

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Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Chairman Lewis explained that Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs has written another grant for children's books for the Library. He went onto say that Ms. Crumbs is always writing grants to help the Library and she is a great asset to Georgetown-Quitman County.

Library- Chairman Lewis invited everyone to come to the ribbon cutting for the grand opening for the new Quitman County Library on April 19, 2022 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Governor Brian Kemp will be here for this occasion.

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

COUNTY ATTORNEY LETTER OF RESIGNATION- Chairman asked for a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Tracy Cary. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the letter of resignation from Tracy Cary. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

DFCS BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT FLO HARRIS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to reappoint Ms. Flo Harris to the DFCS board. **Motion made by Hayes to reappoint Ms. Flo Harris to the DFCS board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to reappoint Steve Newton, Terry Batton, and Lavaughn Jackson to the Planning & Zoning Board. **Motion made by Blackmon to reappoint Steve Newton, Terry Batton, and Lavaughn Jackson to the Planning & Zoning Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to reappoint Richard Pitts, Carrie Culver, and Derrick Norris to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. **Motion made by Kinsey to reappoint Richard Pitts, Carrie Culver,**

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and Derrick Norris to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD VACANCY- Chairman Lewis explained that there is also a vacancy on the Water & Sewer Authority Board because Ms. LaPorchia Grier that was appointed had to resign due to relocation with her job. Chairman Lewis stated that we have a few people that have expressed an interest to serve on this board. Chairman Lewis asked for any persons in favor of appointing Matt Geddings after hearing none Chairman Lewis asked for any persons in favor of appointing Amy Self after hearing none Chairman Lewis asked for any persons in favor of appointing Jerry Green- Kinsey and Hayes were in favor. Chairman Lewis asked for any persons in favor of appointing Jimmy Scott-Bussey and Lewis were in favor. Commissioner Blackmon abstained from voting because of Jerry Green being a family member. This resulted in a tie vote. Chairman Lewis said this will be added to the Work Session to be worked on.

2022-02 BUDGET AMENDMENT EXHIBIT A- Financial officer Odom went over the budget amendment. She stated this was to show the money that came in from the First responders grant that we received at the first of the year. Also, to adjust money that needed to be moved from one general ledger account to the correct account. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve 2022-02 budget amendment exhibit A. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Bin Minter with Taylor English Duma LLP to introduce himself. Mr. Minter explained he is currently the County Attorney for Stewart County and Cusseta-Chattahoochee County. He stated that he likes this type of work and is very interested in becoming our County Attorney. Each Commissioner thanked Mr. Minter for coming and introducing himself.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Bussey to close 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 Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to close executive session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to reopen regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 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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