

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 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
AUGUST 2022
Regular meeting minutes July 12, 2022
Town Hall meeting minutes July 18, 2022
Called meeting minutes July 19, 2022
Called meeting minutes August 4, 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

Ordinance 02-2022 Emergency Service Assessment 2nd reading

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Ameripro EMS

ACTION ITEM

Water & Sewer Authority Board Appointment

ACTION ITEM

P18-2022 Non-criminal Justice Privacy rights policy

ACTION ITEM

Beer & Wine application for Jay Krishna USA Inc(76 station)

ACTION ITEM

C3-2022 School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement

ACTION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carvel Lewis at 6:40 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Vice Chairman Blackmon, County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial Officer Teri Odom were not present.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Executive session to discuss possible litigation. **Motion made by Hayes to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked Ms. Cheryl Kolb with DCA to come and speak about funds that are available for rental assistance for Georgia residents. Ms. Kolb stated that Georgia received \$552 million federal Emergency Rental Assistance under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and an additional \$437 million in Federal Emergency Rental Assistance under the American Rescue Plan act of 2021 from the U. S. Department of Treasury. The funds are used to provide relief to landlords and tenants whose finances have been negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic by bringing past due rent and utility payments current up to 18 months. This program is being administered through the Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs. Chairman Lewis stated that we definitely want to participate in this program and thanked Ms. Kolb for coming and providing this information.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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MINUTES

June 14, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, and Lewis.

June 20, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

June 28, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT-

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-

Library- Chairman Lewis stated that the Library will be open until 7:00 p.m. for their summer hours. The Summer reading program has partnered with the S.O.A.R program at the school. The library is trying to put together a book club. They are having a meeting on Monday June 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the book club.

Fire Dept. Report- Fire Chief Pate was present at the meeting to give a brief report on the fire dept. Pate stated that the fire dept. was awarded a \$25,000.00 grant to replace the SCBA's (Self-contained Breathing Apparatus) on one of the fire trucks at the Morris Station. Pate explained that several of the volunteers on the fire dept. wanted to do a first responder's class to assist with individuals that might need medical help until EMS arrives on the scene. The volunteers have just completed their CPR recertification. Pate stated that they are enjoying the new fire truck and putting it to good use. Chairman Lewis thanked Pate and the volunteer fire dept. for all of their hard work.

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE 03-2018 EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSESSMENT AMENDEMENT 02-

2022 1st reading- Chairman Lewis read the Emergency Service Assessment ordinance with the

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amendments. Chairman Lewis added that there is a Town Hall meeting scheduled for Monday July 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm. in the Commission board room. This meeting is for everyone to come out to discuss the Emergency Service Assessment increase.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis stated that this will be tabled until the next regular meeting so that all the Commissioners can be present.

C3-2022 NEW HORIZONS CONTRACT- Chairman Lewis read the New Horizons contract to everyone. **Motion made by Hayes to approve C3-2022 New Horizons contract. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Kinsey to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to close executive session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to reopen regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session that required a vote.

Called meeting set for Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to work on the budget.

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 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
TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:42 p.m. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom

EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSESSMENT INCREASE- Chairman Lewis opened by explaining the purpose of the meeting is to allow the public to come out to ask questions and voice their opinions and concerns regarding the Emergency Service Assessment increase. Chairman Lewis read over the handout that was given out at the meeting. The handout listed the cost of EMS, Fire Dept. annual cost, new fire hydrants, Code Red, and the Tax Commissioners office collection fee. Chairman Lewis opened the floor for the public at 6:53 p.m. Several citizens stood and gave their thoughts and asked several questions about the increase for the Emergency Service Assessment increase. Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Larry Richardson with Ameripro EMS Health to come forward and explain what Ameripro EMS Health has to offer and what the citizens will receive for their money. Mr. Richardson started by giving a short summary on his background with EMS. Mr. Richardson went over the cost of EMS and Ameripro's proposal. Several citizens asked Mr. Richardson questions. After a lengthy discussion, many questions were answered and several people were able to better understand the purpose of the Emergency Service Assessment and the reason for the increase. Chairman Lewis gave some closing remarks and thanked everyone for coming.

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MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 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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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

CALLLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 9:45 a.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Lewis arrived at 10:00 a.m.)

FY 2023 BUDGET- Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the floor for citizens that were present at the called meeting to ask questions. Several questions were asked and answered. Financial Officer Odom gave a handout showing what the millage would have to go to in order to keep from increasing the Emergency Service Assessment. Each Commissioner gave their thoughts on the town hall meeting from the previous night. After a lengthy discussion about increasing the millage versus increasing the Emergency Service Assessment all the Commissioners were still in agreement that raising the Emergency Service Assessment is the most equitable way to be able to fund all of Emergency Services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 11:38 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 MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2022
4:00 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 4:22 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. County Manager Jason Weeks, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked to add Grady EMS and GEFA project.

Motion made by Hayes to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GEFA PROJECT GRANT- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the information for the GEFA project grant. Weeks explained that we would need to match the GEFA project grant money. The total project cost is \$767,000.00 dollars and our matching funds is \$383,000.00 dollars. This will be used to install radio read meters, put the “loop” back in at the intersection of Lower Lumpkin and US Hwy 82, and to replace 35 hydrants that are non- working. **Motion made by Blackmon to use the funds out of ARPA to match the GEFA project grant money. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GRADY EMS- Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that he would like to withhold payment due to not receiving service. Weeks explained that after speaking with the County Attorney their advice was to just find a new provider and move on. **Motion made by Blackmon to move forward with the new provider for EMS. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

SWG A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that he would like to pursue SWGA Regional Development Authority for the money that was given to a local rescue without the consent of the two Quitman County representatives that are on this board. Weeks stated that after speaking with the County Attorney, it was their recommendation to have the MOU changed to the entity that the two representatives from Quitman County choose from this point forward. Chairman Lewis stated that \$3,000.00 dollars will go to Quitman County Public Library and \$7,500.00 will go to Quitman County Civic League. Weeks said he will get with the County Attorney and ask that a letter be sent to Bill Mills to request that the \$15,000.00 dollars be returned to Quitman County to be given to Quitman County Civic League.

COUNTY ATTORNEY JARRAD AND DAVIS- Chairman Lewis opened the discussion for the County Attorney. Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that he and Weeks talked about the County Attorney and the cost. Blackmon would like to continue using Jarrad and Davis for the County Attorney. Blackmon said that we are approaching the 90 -day contract period. Blackmon feels like we are receiving the best representation and the cost is less than other attorneys in the area. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to reach out to Jarrad and Davis and ask for a 16 -month contract. **Motion made by Blackmon to continue using Jarrad and Davis for the County Attorney with a 16-month contract. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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FORESTER PONTOON- Vice Chairman Blackmon gave the Commissioners a brief update on the current status of Forester Pontoon.

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MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:10 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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