

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 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
SEPTEMBER 2022
Town Hall meeting minutes August 8, 2022
Regular meeting minutes August 9, 2022
Called meeting minutes August 22, 2022
Called meeting minutes August 24, 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

R7-2022 Resolution requesting Sales Tax information Year 2020
R8-2022 Resolution requesting Sales Tax information Year 2021
R9-2022 Five Star Credit Union Revolving Loan Fund account
Water & Sewer Authority Board appointment
RVRC Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance Contract

Lester Bussey-Improvements on Bussey property

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:44 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. 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 discussion on the Emergency Service Assessment. Chairman Lewis started the discussion by stating that this is The Unified Government of Georgetown-Quitman County. The Board of Education is a separate entity. Chairman Lewis did a brief recap from the previous Town Hall meeting that was held on July 18, 2022. Lewis also went over a couple different options that several citizens suggested at that meeting. One option was asking the City of Eufaula, AL. and the other option was to run EMS ourselves. We received a letter from Mayor Jack Tibbs of Eufaula, AL. that they were not able to provide EMS service for us and after collecting all the information and figures the rough estimate to run EMS ourselves would cost somewhere around \$632,000.00. This would cost more than the proposals that we received from Ameripro and Goldstar. Chairman Lewis also stated that we would have to have a way of collecting the money that would be owed for EMS if we did it ourselves. After several questions and comments Chairman Lewis thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns and opinions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 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
AUGUST 9, 2022
6:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carvel Lewis at 6:35 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial Officer Teri Odom.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments at this time. Mr. Steve Newton thanked the Commissioners for the public hearings that were held for the public to voice their opinions and concerns with the Emergency Service Assessment. Ms. Mattie Glover had a couple of questions about zoning of US Hwy 82 and a question about the sign placed on US Hwy 82 about a new convenience store and gas station next to Marathon gas station.

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

MINUTES

July 12, 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.

July 18, 2022 Town hall meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the town hall meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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July 19, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 4, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks stated that he did not receive a report from Grady and has not received one in several months.

FIRE HYDRANTS- Weeks reported that several of the fire hydrants in town are being replaced and they will be adding some new hydrants as well.

SAFETY GRANT FROM ACCG- Weeks explained that we received the Safety grant from ACCG for the third year in a row. This grant helps us purchase safety equipment and we do not have to spend county funds on these items. The grant was for \$1250.00 dollars.

BRIDGES AT RIVER BLUFF PARK- Weeks stated that he has called Scott Purvis with GDOT about the bridges at River Bluff Park. If GDOT will accept the bridges in the low impact program we can move forward with the process of taking ownership of those bridges.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report- Probate Judge Self was present at the meeting and wanted to make a correction about the date to be able to get something added to the ballot. He had previously given the date of September 5, 2022 but the correct date is August 10, 2022. Judge Self wanted to make all the Commissioners aware of this correction. Judge Self stated that the Sheriff Dept. is doing a good job with ticket writing in regards to the severity of the tickets that are being written.

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave a brief report for Family Connections. Ms. Crumbs stated that there was a Back-to-School Bash held on Saturday August 6th at the Neighborhood Service Center. Families received free food. There were several inflatables for children to play on during this event. School supplies were provided by members of the community and Crossroads Masonic Lodge 190. Sponsors included Quitman County Family Connections, Project Kindness, Civic League, Whispering Pines community, and

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Mr. Tyrice Foster. County Manager Jason Weeks and his family provided a wonderful fish fry for all. Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs went onto say that Quitman County Family Connections has received a Collective Impact Grant from the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center to continue their work on early learning and literacy in the County. The grant was for \$10,000.00 dollars. They were also awarded another \$10,000.00 dollars from the GA Family Connection Partnership to continue the second of five year's work on youth development and on-time high school completion. QCFC is working with the non-profit, Strength of a Village, Inc. to create a Young Entrepreneur Studies (Y.E.S.) program for afterschool. The program will begin in September and allow students to learn basic business skills, soft skills as they work to improve their academic skills.

Library- Librarian Mrs. Betty Fair was present and gave an update on the library. Mrs. Fair stated that they are working with Ms. Leslie Culver on the after- school program. There has been a book club started at the library and they are looking for ladies to join.

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS- ORDINANCE 03-2018 EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSESSMENT

AMENDMENT 02-2022 2nd reading- Chairman Lewis went over the Emergency Service Assessment ordinance with the amendments. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve this ordinance. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Ordinance 02-2022 Emergency Service Assessment with amendments. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

NEW BUSINESS-

AMERIPRO EMS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to go with Ameripro for EMS. **Motion made by Blackmon to move forward with Ameripro for EMS. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Mr. Larry Richardson from Ameripro came to thank the Commissioners for allowing him to come to the town hall meetings and entrusting Ameripro for EMS.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Vice Chairman Blackmon

asked if this could be tabled until the next meeting. **Motion made by Blackmon to table the Water & Sewer Board Auth. Appointment until the next meeting. Second by Kinsey.**

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

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P18-2022 NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRIVACY RIGHTS POLICY- Chairman Lewis read P18-2022 Privacy policy. **Motion made by Hayes to approve P18-2022 privacy policy.**

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

BEER & WINE APPLICATION FOR JAY KRISHNA USA, INC. (76 STATION)-

Chairman Lewis went over the Beer & Wine application for Jay Krishna USA, Inc. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Beer & Wine application for Jay Krishna USA, Inc.**

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

C3-2022 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-

Chairman Lewis read C3-2022 for the School Resource officer intergovernmental agreement.

Chairman Lewis stated that this would be tabled until the School board makes a decision on this agreement. **Motion made by Hayes to table until the School board gets back with the**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Kinsey to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, 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 Bussey to reopen regular session.**

Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session that required a vote.

Chairman Lewis asked if there was a motion to add anything on the ballot pertaining to EMS. No motion was made. There will not be anything on the ballot in November pertaining to EMS.

Chairman Lewis wanted to share with everyone that the Brotherhood is going to start a project that will help seniors make repairs on their homes.

Called meeting set for Monday August 22, 2022. No time was set. It was suggested to call each Commissioner to set time.

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 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 22, 2022
3:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 3:00 p.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.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to add EMS to the agenda. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the addition of EMS to the agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon. (Lewis was not present at this time).

C4-2022 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-

Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that this was talked about at the Regular meeting and was tabled at that time. Commissioner Bussey asked if this was the same agreement that was presented at the Regular meeting. County Clerk Wilson stated that it is the same agreement. Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to approve C4-2022 School Resource officer Intergovernmental agreement. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve C4-2022 School Resource officer Intergovernmental agreement. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

C5-2022 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

AGREEMENT- Vice Chairman reviewed this agreement and after some discussion this will need to go to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. (Chairman Lewis arrived during this discussion).

EMS- Chairman Lewis asked County Manager for an update on EMS. Weeks explained that he attended a meeting this morning with Ameripro at the Library. Ameripro stated that the earliest start date would be October 1, 2022. Grady is facing staffing issues because employees are quitting and they would prefer for us to move forward with Ameripro as soon as possible. Vice Chairman Blackmon asked about being able to pay Ameripro. Financial Officer Odom stated that this could be paid for with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds because it is EMS. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to notify Ameripro that we are moving forward with their service as soon as possible. **Motion made by Kinsey to notify Ameripro that we are ready to move forward with their service as soon as possible. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis opened the discussion for nominations for the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Commissioner Kinsey nominated Matt Geddings. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Matt Geddings to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. **Motion made by Kinsey to appoint Matt Geddings to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Second by Hayes.** The motion and second failed due to no call for a vote.

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RETIRMENT- Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Carl Johnson from Jenerations Insurance to come forward to speak about retirement for the County employees. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Johnson gave the Commissioners different things to think about concerning retirement and also some good options. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Johnson for coming and speaking with them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:35 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 24, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 7:47 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Bussey, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. Blackmon was present via phone.

R6-2022 ADOPT MILL RATE RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis went over Resolution R6-2022 to adopt the mill rate as follows: County Wide Millage rate at 14.4120 mills, County Wide School Millage rate at 13.986 mills, School Bond rate at 1.987 mills. Total mill rate for 2022 County wide 30.385 mills. **Motion made by Bussey to approve R6-2022 Mill rate Resolution. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

NOT PRESENT

David Kinsey, Commissioner

NOT PRESENT

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

NOT PRESENT

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager