

**AGENDA  
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time allocated 10-minute's total)  
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS  
MONTH CHECK REGISTERS  
APPROVAL OF BILLS

MINUTES Regular meeting minutes September 8, 2020  
MONTH Called meeting minutes October 6, 2020

REPORTS MANAGER'S REPORT  
EMS  
EMA DIRECTOR  
FIRE  
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

\*UPDATE\*  
\*ACTION ITEM\*  
\*ACTION ITEM\*  
\*ACTION ITEM\*

NEW BUSINESS

\*ACTION ITEM\* Head Start Proclamation  
\*ACTION ITEM\* 2020-03 Exhibit A Budget Amendment  
\*ACTION ITEM\* River Valley TIA Roundtable  
\*ACTION ITEM\* R9-2020 Resolution Intergovernmental agreement (blue building)  
\*ACTION ITEM\* C5-2020 Intergovernmental agreement QC Economic Dev. Auth.  
\*ACTION ITEM\* P16-2020 Cell Phone Policy  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES Matt Geddings-New Library

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
6:30PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Attorney Tracy Cary, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Manager Jason Weeks.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**Motion made by Kinsey to amend the agenda to add Census. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Mrs. Kent from Whispering Pines spoke for a few minutes to thank County Manager Weeks for addressing their needs.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER-** **Motion made by Kinsey to approve previous month check register. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**MINUTES**

August 11, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting with the correction of Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs name. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 13, 2020 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 21, 2020 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis. (Bussey and Kinsey were not present at this called meeting.)

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August 31, 2020 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 this called meeting.)

**MANAGER'S REPORT-**Weeks gave his report on EMS for the month of August. There were a total of 35 calls, 25 transports, and 10 refusals.

**BRIDGE REPAIR-** Weeks reported that Tim Simpson with Barrett & Simpson Engineering would be coming Tuesday September 15, 2020 to go over the mandatory bridge repairs that we will have to do. We should have money left over from LMIG to be able to do some paving in 2021. Due to state budget cuts, we are losing \$26,189.75 in LMIG funds. Our total project funds for 2021 are \$172,270.97. We have received 100% of our Cares act funds for a total amount of \$120,347.00.

**CDBG-** Weeks stated they received the change order paperwork that they were waiting on to proceed with this project. They are now working on the drainage portion of this project.

**FIRE HYDRANTS-** Weeks is going to get with Fire Chief Pate about getting some new fire hydrants in different locations in the city and county. They allocated \$10,000.00 for this.

**LIBRARY-** Chairman Lewis asked Mrs. Fair to give her report and any updates that she might have. Mrs. Fair reported that the library is doing well. People are coming in to use the Wi-Fi, the fax, making copies, and checking out books. September is Library sign up month. The library is open 4 days a week. Mrs. Fair stated that they are sanitizing the library frequently to keep everyone safe. She extended an invitation to everyone to come check out the library and use the library. She also mentioned that you could register for a library card online.

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Ms. Crumbs was present at the meeting to give her report. Ms. Crumbs said that she is still working with Area Agency on Aging providing groceries for Senior citizens in our county. She is also still working with Columbus Tech. with internet service in our area. Ms. Crumbs reported that the Literacy initiative has donated blankets and books to the children of Head start and Early head start. Ms. Crumbs told everyone that she received a \$10,000.00 grant from State of Hope thru DFCS. She said that they plan to use the money to help fund the Literacy initiative. Probate Judge Self thanked Ms. Crumbs for her caring attitude.

**Fire Dept. Report-** Probate Judge Self gave a brief report for the fire dept. He explained that the fire dept. is going out on Monday nights and checking fire hydrants. They are opening them

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up to make sure they work and if they do not they are trying to fix them right then if possible. They are making notes about each hydrant if they are not able to fix them right then.

**PROBATE REPORT-** Probate Judge Self stated they are issuing the largest number of weapon carry licenses that they have ever issued. He reported that early voting will start on October 12, 2020 and will continue until the Friday before November 3, 2020. The date for Saturday voting will be October 24, 2020. The polls will be open on November 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m-7:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**COMMUNITY CENTER REOPENING-** After some discussion, it was decided that we would not reopen the Community Center at this time. Commissioners will revisit this again in October.

**MOVING FUNDS TO HIGHER PAYING RATES-** Chairman Lewis explained to all the Commissioners that at a Called meeting on August 21, 2020 they discussed moving funds from the Revolving Loan fund to First State Bank of Early County because they offered a higher paying rate with no penalties. It was asked during the discussion if they wanted to vote to move additional funds to higher paying rates without penalties. Chairman Lewis wanted to have this discussion with all Commissioners present. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that he feels like if there is an opportunity for us to move funds to a higher paying interest rate and there are no penalties involved that the Financial Officer, County Manager, and Vice Chairman should be able to make that decision. After a brief discussion, a **Motion was made by Kinsey to proceed to move funds to higher paying interest rates with no penalties involved. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**BEER & WINE LICENSE QUICK SERVE AND DEPOT FOOD STORE-** Chairman Lewis read both beer and wine applications. After discussing both applications, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to approve the Beer & Wine License at Quick Serve and Depot Food Store as long as there is no money owed to the County at either location. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**BEER & WINE LICENSE TIRTH PATEL 1, LLC-** Chairman Lewis read the beer and wine application for Tirth Patel 1, LLC. A **Motion was made by Blackmon to approve the Beer & Wine license for Tirth Patel 1, LLC. as long as no money is owed to the County. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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County Manager Weeks asked the Commissioners about the Community Day event that they had previously talked about having to help people sign up for the Census. After some discussion, the Commissioners set the Community Day for September 19, 2020 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Ms. Crumbs stated that she would need volunteers to help inside the community center to sign people up for the Census.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES** –Mr. Hal Shadrick a concerned citizen came out to speak to the Commissioners about Resolution R6-2020 Quitman Police Dept. He asked each Commissioner what their thoughts and opinions are concerning this resolution. Each Commissioner was able to answer Mr. Shadricks questions. Mr. Shadrick was concerned about the public being notified about these types of Resolutions. He also brought up his concern with having a Countywide Police dept. and how it would be funded. Chairman Lewis explained that this Resolution simply allows it to go on the ballot for the citizens to vote on.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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David Kinsey, Commissioner

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2020  
4:00 P.M.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:09 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. Bussey was present via phone. County Manager Jason Weeks, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

Chairman Lewis added Coroner, Probate, and Executive Session to the agenda. **Motion made by Hayes to accept the amended agenda. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** After some discussion, Trunk or Treat was set for October 30, 2020 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00p.m. It will be located on Old School Road.

**PROBATE REQUEST-** Chairman Lewis stated that Probate has requested that we send a letter to AT&T to put in a fax line for their office. Weeks stated that Chris Wortz was working on this. Weeks will check with Wortz to see where he is on this. If Wortz is not able to do this, Weeks will contact AT&T.

**CORONER-** Chairman Lewis stated that the Coroner and Deputy Coroner are required to have a digital camera. Chairman Lewis asked Teri Odom if she would look into purchasing one for them.

**SALE OF THE BLUE BUILDING AT 845 US HWY 82-** Weeks explained to everyone that he spoke to Bill Twomey, Michael O'Quinn from ACCG and our County Attorney Tracy Cary several months ago about how to handle the sale of the building located at 845 US Hwy 82. They gave him the best procedure to sale the building. After a lengthy discussion, a **motion was made by Hayes to have County Attorney Tracy Cary make changes to the resolution and the Intergovernmental agreement the he previously prepared to go thru the Economic Development Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

The person that purchases the building will be responsible for the attorney fees. Vice Chairman Blackmon will be responsible for making sure everything is done and correct in the agreement.

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**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive session to discuss real estate. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Motion made by Kinsey to reopen Regular Session. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Odom stated the payoff on the building is \$189,079.00 as of December 31, 2020. The percentages will be included in the intergovernmental agreement. Weeks will contact County Attorney Tracy Cary concerning the resolution, the financial paperwork, and the intergovernmental agreement.

Motion made by Kinsey to turn the building located at 845 US Hwy 82 Georgetown, Ga. over to the Quitman County Local Economic Development Board and to give 5% of the sale of the building to the Quitman County Local Economic Development Board for handling the sale of the building. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.

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Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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David Kinsey, Commissioner

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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