

**AGENDA**  
**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Randolph Co. Jail Agreement  
Southwest GA Regional Dev. Auth. Board Appts.  
Clerk of Court part time employee  
Reduce Local Eco. Dev. Board from 7 to 5 members  
(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers

APPROVAL OF BILLS

February 2021

MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes January 12, 2021  
Called meeting minutes January 28, 2021

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT  
EMS  
FIRE  
FAMILY CONNECTIONS  
LIBRARY EMA DIRECTOR  
PROBATE REPORT EMA DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

\*UPDATE\*  
\*ACTION ITEM\*

NEW BUSINESS

\*ACTION ITEM\* Approval of FY 2021 monthly recurring payments  
\*ACTION ITEM\* R3-21 Safety Coordinator Resolution  
\*ACTION ITEM\* R4-21 Volunteers & Elected officials Resolution  
\*ACTION ITEM\* SWGA Regional Eco. Dev. Auth. Board Insurance  
\*ACTION ITEM\* Library Appointment  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Attorney Tracy Cary, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks. (Hayes was not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Chairman Lewis added the renewal of the Ameris Bank Loan and Executive Session. **Motion made by Kinsey to make changes to the agenda. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**MINUTES**

December 8, 2020, Public Hearing minutes. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

December 8, 2020, Regular meeting minutes- **Bussey made it to approve the regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

January 6, 2021, Called meeting minutes- **Motion made Blackmon approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**-Weeks gave his report on E.M.S. for December.

**-C.D.B.G.-** Weeks reported there are several issues on Clay and Depot Street. He has met with Pierre Rakel, and the contractor is coming back to take care of all the problems.

**-RECREATION BOARD-** Weeks stated that we had paid 50% to Kor Kat, a company out of Carrollton, Ga., for the playground equipment. The equipment will be delivered and installed on the first of 2021.

**-E.M.A.-** Weeks spoke with Brad Taylor, the E.M.A. Director about getting some more COVID PPE. Taylor informed Weeks that this would be the last free shipment that he can get. We received 6,000 gloves and 4,000 masks. He also ordered 25 gallons of hand sanitizer, and we should be receiving it any day.

**-FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting. She reported that Quitman and Clay's counties were approved on December 15, 2020, to join United Way of Chattahoochee Valley, as C.E.O. Ben Mozer reported. State of Hope funds for \$10,000.00 has been approved and will be disbursed within the next month. The collaborative is working with Quitman County Schools to take part in an online support program called SOLVE.

**Library-**

**Fire Dept. Report-**

**Probate report**

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**FAMILY CONNECTION FISCAL AGENT-** Chairman Lewis called for a motion to be the Family Connection Fiscal Agent for the Year 22. **Motion made by Blackmon to be the Family Connection Fiscal Agent for the Year 22. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**R1-2021 CW2017028 GEFA MODIFICATIONS-** Weeks explained that this is modifying the loan dates due to COVID and other delays. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept R1-2021 CW2017028 GEFA Modification. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**R2-2021 DW2017028 GEFA MODIFICATIONS-** Chairman Lewis read DW2017028 GEFA Modifications. **Motion made by Kinsey to accept R2-2021 DW2017028 GEFA Modifications. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**TAX COMMISSIONER LETTER-** Chairman Lewis read and explained that we would agree to receive a check once a month for the term of her four (4) years of service. In the future, should we need monies more than once a month, we will request it.

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You also have written permission from the Commission of Georgetown-Quitman County to receive personal, company, certified, treasurer's, cashier's checks, bank, postal, or express money orders. Including A.C.H. electronic transactions, web payment e-checks, and credit/debit card payments (if she desires). {G.A. Code 48-5-146). **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the letter for the Tax Commission for the term she is in office. The law states that collections of a population of less than 30,000 shall make a report every two weeks to the county governing authority of the aggregate amount of taxes collected during the two weeks. Each report shall separately specify the amount collected for the state and the amount collected for the county. The tax collector or tax commissioner shall swear that the report is an accurate report of the taxes collected. The governing authority agrees to receive a check once a month for the term of her four (4) years of service. O.C.G.A. § 48-5-142 Also, give written permission from the governing authority to receive all monetary funds as she desires to pay all taxes and license fees due to their respective office. Second by Kinsey.** Voting yes - Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. O.C.G.A. § 48-5-146. for the term of your four (4) years of service

**SHERIFF LETTER-** Chairman Lewis read and explained that the annual letter that we approve for the Sheriff be done for the term of his four (4) years of service. **Motion by Blackmon to approve the letter stating that the governing authority agrees to the Sheriff's service fee, after making the reports and payments required by law, and shall pay the remainder to the general fund quarterly. Second by Kinsey. O.C.G.A. § 15-15-5. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.**

**TAX ASSESSORS** - Chairman Lewis read the F.Y.I. stating that Isabel Stovall from the Tax Assessors office has passed Exam II.

**AMERIS LOAN-** Chairman Lewis explained that the renewal of the property loan at the treatment plant is due. Vice-Chairman Blackmon negotiated the interest rate with Ameris Bank from 2.95 to 2.75. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the renewal of the loan with Ameris Bank on the property at the treatment plant. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Kinsey to close the regular session at 7:30 p.m.**

**Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to reopen regular session at 7:35 p.m. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated the reason for the Executive session was for pending litigation. Nothing was discussed in the executive session that required a vote.

**APPEARANCES** – Mr. Hal Shadrick, a citizen of Georgetown-Quitman County, asked some questions about the money given to the **Southwest Georgia Regional Economic Development Authority (S.W.G.A.)** from Silicon Ranch. Mr. Shadrick voiced his concerns about the funds allocated to Growing Quitman County. Chairman Lewis informed Mr. Shadrick that the money had been turned over to Georgetown-Quitman county and was no longer in Growing Quitman County's possession. Mr. Shadrick stated that was all he needed to know.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 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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Not Present  
Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 28, 2021  
3:00 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, and Kinsey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

Chairman Lewis asked for any agenda amendments. **Motion made by Kinsey to add the executive session to the agenda due to pending litigation. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS-** After discussing the different boards that need other appointments, Kinsey made a Motion to **appoint Tyrice Foster and Ed Balkcom to the Local Economic Development Board. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**SHERIFF VEHICLE-** Motion made by Kinsey to **approve the Ford F-150 Series truck's purchase of \$40,294.04. Second, made by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**COUNTY AGENT STIPEND PAY-** After some discussion, **Kinsey made a Motion to approve the stipend pay for the interim agent Kris Peavy for \$500.00. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**CLERK OF COURT PART-TIME EMPLOYEE-** Weeks explained to everyone that the Superior Clerk of Court, Ms.Becky Fendley, requested the funds to hire a part-time employee. The state mandates caused her budget to increase, which she had no control over. **Kinsey made the motion to grant the funds for the part time help.** The motion died because there was no second. Lewis stated that we will revisit the subject at the February meeting.

**USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER-** Chairman Lewis stated that the Health Department has requested the use of the Community Center to give the COVID-19 immunization. Commissioner Kinsey asked that it be cleaned after each use. Weeks explained that it is cleaned daily by the cleaning staff. Chairman Lewis added that Mrs. Betty Fair the Librarian of Quitman County Library has requested the use of the Community Center each month on the day of the food distribution to conduct a membership drive for the Library. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve these two uses of the Community Center. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the use of the Community Center for the Health Dept. and the Quitman County Library. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**2020-05 EXHIBIT A BUDGET AMENDMENT-** Chairman Lewis read the budget amendment to everyone. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve 2020-05 Exhibit A Budget Amendment. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**2020-06 EXHIBIT A BUDGET AMENDMENT-** Chairman Lewis read the budget Amendment to everyone. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve 2020-06 Exhibit A Budget Amendment. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**2021-01 EXHIBIT A BUDGET AMENDMENT-** Chairman Lewis read the budget amendment to everyone. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve 2021-01 Exhibit A Budget Amendment. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**APPEARANCES -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

- **Motion made by Blackmon to close Regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.
- **Motion made by Blackmon to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.
- **Motion made by Kinsey to close Executive session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.
- **Motion made by Blackmon to return to Regular Session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis (Nothing was discussed in the executive session that required a vote).

**It was discussed to appoint Carvel Lewis and Leslie Culver to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Authority (S.W.G.A. Regional Development Authority) at the next regular meeting on February 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Motion made by Kinsey to adjourn and Second by Blackmon.**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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NOT PRESENT

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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David Kinsey, Commissioner

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NOT PRESENT

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager