

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Policy to continue display decals on prebill mobile homes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers **APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

December 2021 **APPROVED**

MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes November 09, 2021 **APPROVED**

Called meeting minutes November 30, 2021 **APPROVED**

Called meeting minutes December 3, 2021 **APPROVED**

MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TAX COMMISSIONER

PROBATE

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

SHERIFF

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

LIBRARY

FIRE

EMA DIRECTOR

REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

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R15-2021 Annexation Resolution **APPROVED**

R16-2021 E-911 Budget FY 2022 Budget Resolution **APPROVED**

R17-2021 Law Library FY 2022 Budget Resoluion **APPROVED**

R18-2021 General Operation FY 2022 Budget Resolution **APPROVED**

Regional Advisory Council vacancy **NO ACTION**

Health Board Appointment

Water & Sewage Authority Board Appointment **APPROVED**

Recreation Board Appointments: Royzell Wilson, Gloria Johnson,

Urvashi Foster, and Chris Bland **APPROVED**

Tax Assessor Board Re-Appointment -John Pritchett **APPROVED**

Policy to continue display decals on prebill mobile homes APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

Rev. Dr. Betty Jones-Smith- Public Service Commission

MEETING ADJOURN

NOVEMBER 9, 2021 Board Meeting

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Attorney Tracy Cary, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Executive session for Real Estate and Personnel. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if anyone had any comments at this time. Mr. Larry Wilborn asked if he could say something about the voting precinct in Morris. Mr. Larry Wilborn stated that there were several issues that need to be corrected with the building. He went onto say that his concern is for people's safety. Chairman Lewis and County Manager Weeks both addressed all the issues that were mentioned and Weeks said if there is any other issues that the County needs to handle he will make sure it gets done.

Tax Commissioner Mrs. Mindy Ward asked if the Sheriff's Dept. could escort her office staff to the bank. There are some days they have a significant amount of cash to be deposited.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

MINUTES

October 12, 2021, Public Hearing meeting minutes- **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the public hearing meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

October 12, 2021 Regular meeting minutes- **Motion made Bussey to approve the regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

October 19, 2021 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made Blackmon to approve the Called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

October 27, 2021 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks was present and gave his report on EMS for the month of October.

BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT- Weeks explained that he and Tim Simpson had a pre-construction meeting last week with E & D Construction out of Savannah, Ga. They are the contractor that won the bid for the bridge repair project. Weeks stated that there is a Resolution in the packet for tonight to be approved for this project and once that is done, he will get all the paperwork back to the engineer so that the contractor can start work. If all goes as planned these bridge repairs should be complete by the end of December and no later than January 1.

GRADY EMS CONTRACT- Weeks stated that Grady EMS sent over another contract with corrections. After reviewing the contract there was some language in there that still needs explaining. Weeks will be back in contact with Grady EMS to get the answers to the questions that he has about the contract. Weeks stated he will get this information back to the board.

RECREATION BOARD- Weeks reported that the Recreation board voted and approved at their last meeting to take down the post and cables that are currently in place to stop people from driving into the playground area and to erect a 4ft. chain link fence that will connect to the chain link fence that is already there. Eufaula Glass had the best price on this project and Weeks has already measured everything off and Eufaula Glass is supposed to get started on this as soon as possible. Commissioner Hayes voiced his concern with people still taking down the fence. He would like to see that whoever is doing this be held accountable.

LMIG FY 2022- Weeks stated that Tim Simpson with Barrett & Simpson Engineering is working on figures for paving roads in the County for 2022. As soon as those figures are ready Weeks will get with everyone to set up a work session.

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Tax Commissioner Report- Tax Commissioner Mrs. Ward was present at the meeting and gave a brief update. She wanted to start by saying thank you to the Board of Commissioners for the Cares Act payment that they gave to each employee and for including the Constitutional officers. The delinquent tax company will be here on Monday to get started on the tax sale that will be in April.

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

R14-2021 BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT- Chairman Lewis went over Resolution R14-2021 for the bridge repair project. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R14-2021.**

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

REGION 6 DBBHDD REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL- Chairman Lewis went over the vacancy on this board. He stated that he has a citizen and is waiting on her answer.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis stated that we are still looking for someone to fill the vacancy on the health board.

WATER & SEWAGE AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis explained that there are 2 people that are interested in the 1 vacancy that is coming at the end of December.

RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis stated that there are 4 appointments coming do at the end of December. All four of the board members are willing to continue to serve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- **Motion made by Hayes to close regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Hayes to go into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-

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Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Hayes 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 decisions were made during Executive session.

Budget Work session scheduled for Tuesday November 30, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 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
NOVEMBER 30, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Kinsey, Bussey, and Hayes. Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. Constitutional officers present were: Becky Fendley, Mindy Ward, Charles Davis, and Matthew Self. (Blackmon and Weeks were not present.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda with adding Propel commitment, Southwest Georgia Regional Economic Development Authority, Executive session to discuss pending litigation. **Motion made by Bussey to amend the agenda as stated. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

PROPEL COMMITMENT- Chairman Lewis went over the Propel (Planning Rural Opportunities for Prosperity and Economic Leadership) commitment with everyone. Chairman Lewis explained that The University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government had been awarded a Rural Community Development Initiative grant for the US Department of Agriculture. UGA provides 100% of the required match. With the combined funding, the Institute of Government will partner with Clay/Quitman/Randolph/Stewart Council of Governments to train strategic planning for economic development. This training will help each community develop a broad-based plan for restoring and strengthening their economy after the devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FY 2022 BUDGET- Chairman Lewis opened the floor for the budget discussion;

- Probate Judge Self spoke about his request for an increase in his budget due to handling elections. Judge Self went over some different areas in his financial plans to save some money.
- Becky Fendley, Clerk of Courts, stated her concern for the County to look at a way to supply retirement for the county employees. The Tax Commissioner joined in, requesting that she have retirement, being the other Constitutional officers have that privilege.

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- Charles Davis, the Sheriff, informed the Commissioner that he has five deputies but would like to have two more.

Motion made by Kinsey and second by Hayes to close the regular session at 4:08 p.m.

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

Motion made by Kinsey and second by Bussey to go into executive session at 4:10 p.m.

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

Motion made by Kinsey and second by Hayes to close the executive session at 4:30 p.m.

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

Motion made by Kinsey and second by Hayes to return to regular session at 4:32 at p.m. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis would like to clear all understanding of what transpired with the funds from Silicon Ranch up to this present time. Motion made by Kinsey and second by Bussey that in January 2020, two checks were issued, one to Quitman County Library for \$3,000 and second to Growing Quitman for \$7,500. In January of 2021 Danny Blackmon presented a check to Quitman County Commission for \$7500 returning the money given to Growing Quitman in January of 2020. In January 2021, Silicon Ranch issued two more checks, one to the Quitman County Library for \$3,000 and second to Growing Quitman for \$7,500. The Growing Quitman check is still in our possession here at Georgetown-Quitman County Commission office. Tom Harrel, the attorney for Silicon Ranch, voided the check addressed to Growing Quitman. January 2022, Georgetown-Quitman County should receive a check from Silicon Ranch in the about of \$17,500.

- **January 2020, a check from Silicon Ranch was given to Georgetown-Quitman County Library for \$3,000.00 and Grow Quitman for \$7,500.00.**
- **Danny Blackmon presented the \$7,500 check to Georgetown-Quitman County Commission.**
- **In January 2021, a check was presented to the Georgetown-Quitman County Library for \$3,000 and Grow Quitman for \$7,500.**

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- **Grow Quitman check is still in possession of the Georgetown-Quitman County Commission. Tom Harrel, the attorney for Silicon Ranch, has voided this check.**
- **In January 2022, the County Commission should receive a check from Silicon Ranch for about \$17,500.**

Georgetown-Quitman Co. Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the FY 2022 Budget on December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 5:16 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

not present
Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

not present
Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Weeks and Wilson were not present.)

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion made by Hayes to accept the agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

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

Chairman Lewis stated nothing was discussed in Executive session that required a vote.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

not present
Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager