

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

6:30 p.m.
Funding for UGA extension for Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS
APPROVAL OF BILLS
MINUTES

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)
Check Registers
MARCH 2023
Regular meeting minutes March 14, 2023
Called meeting minutes March 28, 2023

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

R3-2023-Resolution Library parking lot TSPOLST project
R4-2023-Resolution LMIG base bid project
Funding for UGA extension for Administrative Assistant

MEETING ADJOURN

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of New Horizon reappointment. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the amended agenda with the addition of New Horizon reappointment. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for any public comments at this time. A citizen asked about an ad that was in the paper regarding a technology fee assessment by the Probate court. Chairman Lewis explained that the constitutional officers are asked to upgrade their software and computer systems and these things usually fall back on the County for funding.

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

MINUTES

February 14, 2023 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Regular meeting minutes with the corrections to change the name on the Library discussion from Ms. Lewis to Ms. Willis and with the correction to include Bussey voted Yes on R1-2023 Safety Coordinator Resolution. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks gave the EMS report for February.

LMIG- Weeks stated that we had the bid opening for the LMIG projects and the bid came in \$123,000.00 under the estimate. Weeks explained that we will be able to add more roads to the project since the bid came in under.

GDOT- Weeks reported that he spoke with Shannon Bradford with GDOT last year about funding for projects in Quitman County. Mr. Bradford reached out this past week and informed Weeks that they have some funds available that can only be used for safety projects such as signage, striping, and rumble strips. Weeks went out and measured roads and has made a list of safety projects for Mr. Bradford. Weeks is anticipating that we will be able to get all the safety projects funded that he is submitting.

FORESTER PONTOON PROJECT- Weeks stated that our engineer Tim Simpson with Barrett & Simpson engineering has received word that we can resume land clearing where Forester Pontoon will be built.

Weeks ended his report and asked the Commissioners to look at their calendars to set a date for a work session.

Commissioner Hayes asked Weeks if the Railroad track on Hatcher Rd. was something that the County could repair. Weeks explained that this would be handled by the Railroad company and he would give them a call about the issue.

Tax Commissioner Report- Chairman Lewis asked Tax Commissioner Mrs. Ward if she had any updates. Mrs. Ward reported that the tax sale is scheduled for April 4, 2023. This is published in the Eufaula Tribune and posted on the Tax Commissioner website.

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Family Connection Coordinator Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave a brief update on things that she is working on. Ms. Crumbs just received word that we are receiving the Literacy Matters funding from Congressman Bishops office in the amount of \$34,000.00. This can be used to support the 4 pillars of the Get Georgia Reading initiative for early learners. They are planning on using this to reach out to parents and get them involved in their child's education. Ms. Crumbs also stated that she is turning in the paperwork for the Sandra Deal Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. These funds assist participating counties/communities who are initiating or sustaining the Basics of Boston five principles to increase early learning and literacy for children birth to age three. Ms. Crumbs stated that she has received several calls about housing and rental assistance. This is something that she is working on. Chairman Lewis thanked Ms. Crumbs for her work in Quitman County.

Library- Chairman Lewis asked Librarian Mrs. Betty Fair for an update on the library. Mrs. Fair stated that they have several activities coming up. One of the activities she mentioned is during the week of April 3rd they are having another Lego program. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Fair and also invited everyone to please go checkout the Library.

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Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

C1-2023 MOU BETWEEN UGA AND QUITMAN COUNTY AND CONTRACT-

Chairman Lewis read over the MOU and contract between UGA and Quitman County. After a brief discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to approve C1-2023 MOU between UGA and Quitman County. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RECREATIONAL PARK RULES AND CHANGES- Chairman Lewis read over the recreational park rules and changes that the Recreation Board has recommended. Weeks explained that the Recreation Board has asked to make changes regarding the rule about no driving beyond the gate. Weeks went over the changes in the rule. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the changes to the Recreational park rules. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

NEW HORIZON BEHAVIORAL APPOINTMENT-Chairman Lewis read over the reappointment of Ms. Linda McElroy to the New Horizon Behavioral Board of Directors. **Motion made by Bussey to reappoint Ms. Linda McElroy to the New Horizon Behavioral Board of Directors. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

GEFA LOAN DW2022017- Chairman Lewis read over the GEFA loan documents. The dates of the loan agreement have been changed and need approval from the Board of Commissioners. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the GEFA loan date changes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

After a brief discussion about schedules, Chairman Lewis set the Work session date for March 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

APPEARANCES – Chairman Lewis asked Kris Peavy the FACS agent to please come forward and introduce the new 4-H Educator. Mrs. Peavy introduced Mrs. Cassie Young to everyone. Mrs. Young stated that she is excited to get to work and get to know the kids of Georgetown-Quitman County.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 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
MARCH 28, 2023
9:30 a.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:50 a.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Kinsey, Bussey, and Hayes. County Manager Jason Weeks. Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Bussey arrived at 10:18 a.m., Blackmon left at 10:00 a.m. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson was not present.)

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

LMIG- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to give an update on LMIG. Weeks explained that the bids came in less than our estimates for road projects. Weeks stated that we need to add some more road projects to stay in compliance with State regulations on LMIG funding. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Lewis called for a motion to add the road projects that Weeks suggested. **Motion made by Kinsey to pave as much as possible using LMIG and TSPLOST Funds. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Bussey, and Lewis.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL- Chairman Lewis explained that several years ago it was voted that the Community center cannot be used for political gain. Chairman Lewis stated that there are not a lot of places to have meetings and suggested that this be revisited to allow political parties to use the Community center for meetings at no cost. If they want to use it for a political rally, they would have to pay the full cost. **Motion made by Bussey to allow political parties to rent the Community center for the full cost. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, Bussey, and Lewis.

Weeks stated that he wanted to make the Commissioners aware of all the out of state rentals that we are receiving to rent the Community center. There are people here in our community that haven't been able to rent the Community center while controversial events have taken place. There was a brief discussion about different options to better manage the Community center rental and it was decided that we will have to rely on the Sheriff and Sheriff dept. to help enforce the Community center rules.

GA POWER CHARGING STATION- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to explain the power charging stations from Georgia Power. Weeks stated that Georgia Power wants to install 2 chargers down on the corner next to where the liquor store used to be. Georgia Power has looked at other locations around town as well. These chargers are for people to be able to charge electric vehicles. The Commissioners were in agreement that they were not in favor of spending the money to have the chargers put on the corner beside where the liquor store used to be. They expressed that they would be in favor if Georgia Power wanted to install them at the Library or

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to contact a private individual that would be interested such as Michelle’s restaurant or one of the gas stations. Weeks stated that he would get back with Georgia power and let them know.

ALCOHOLIC BEV. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the process for issuing an Alcoholic Bev. Special event license. Weeks went over the steps that someone would have to do to receive a special event license. Weeks explained that the Commissioners would have to make some changes to the Alcoholic Bev. Ordinance if they wanted to start issuing special event licenses. Chairman Lewis asked for this to be placed on the agenda for the next regular commission meeting.

AMEND ALCOHOLIC BEV. ORDINANCE 02-14 SEC. 6-8 1ST READING- Chairman Lewis stated that there was an error in the alcoholic Bev. Ordinance sec. 6-8. The time in Sec. 6-8 and Sec. 6-9 are conflicting. Weeks read over those two sections and explained to the Commissioners that they can change the time to stop selling and the time to clear the premises to whatever time they want it to be. There was not a decision made on the time changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 11:40 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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