

**AGENDA**  
**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER  
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

**6:30 p.m.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS  
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS  
APPROVAL OF BILLS  
MINUTES

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)  
Check Registers  
MAY 2023  
Regular meeting minutes April 11, 2023  
Called meeting minutes April 18, 2023

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS  
ELECTED OFFICIALS  
    TAX COMMISSIONER  
    PROBATE  
    SUPERIOR COURT CLERK  
    SHERIFF  
FAMILY CONNECTIONS  
LIBRARY  
FIRE  
EMA DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

DFCS Re-appointment- Mamie Lee

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 11, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:34 p.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, 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 funding for UGA 4-H Administrative assistant and Executive session to discuss personnel. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the amended agenda with the addition of funding for UGA 4-H Administrative assistant and Executive Session to discuss personnel. 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 if anyone knew when the fair that came to Georgetown-Quitman County in previous years would be coming again. County Manager Weeks stated that the last word he received was they would return in the fall. Another citizen asked why there was no work today on the Forester Pontoon site. Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that on behalf of the County this is not acceptable and he will be making some phone calls about this.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the previous month's check register. Second by Hayes.**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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**MINUTES**

March 14, 2023 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

March 28, 2023 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Hayes to approve the Called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** 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 March.

**GDOT-** Weeks reported that we did get approved for the safety projects that he submitted to DOT. Weeks stated that we do not have to match any funds with this safety program.

**GA POWER CHARGING STATION-** Weeks reached out to Georgia power after the work session to let them know what options the Commissioners discussed about the electric charging stations but he hasn't heard back from them.

Weeks asked the Commissioners to look at their calendars about scheduling a work session. The work session is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**Tax Commissioner Report-**

**Probate Report-**

**SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-**

**SHERIFF REPORT-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-**

**Library-**

**Fire Dept. Report-**

**CHAIRMAN REPORT-**

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**RESOLUTION R3-2023 LIBRARY PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT-** Chairman Lewis read Resolution R3-2023 Library parking lot paving project. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve Resolution R3-2023 Library parking lot paving project. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**RESOLUTION R4-2023 LMIG BASE BID PROJECT-** Chairman Lewis read Resolution R4-2023 LMIG base bid project. **Motion made by Hayes to approve Resolution R4-2023 LMIG base bid project. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. Voting No-Blackmon

**FUNDING FOR UGA 4-H ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** -Chairman Lewis read over the funding for the 4-H administrative assistant. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the funding for the 4-H administrative assistant position. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Hayes to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to close executive session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to reopen regular session. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated that nothing was done in executive session that required a vote.

**APPEARANCES –**  
**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 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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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**CALLED MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 18, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:47 a.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks. Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-** Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda to add Executive session to discuss land acquisition and possible litigation. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the amended agenda to add Executive session to discuss land acquisition and possible litigation. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes Blackmon, and Lewis.

**AMEND ALCOHOLIC BEV. ORDINANCE 02-14 SEC. 6-8-** Weeks went over section 6-8 in the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Weeks stated that section 6-8 and section 6-9 have conflicting hours of being able to sell alcohol and time to clear the premises for Class II, Class III, Class IV, or Class V license. After a lengthy discussion, a **Motion made by Kinsey to stop serving and selling alcohol at 11:00 p.m. EST and close at 11:00 p.m. EST. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**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 stated that the Special event permit would be good for 3 days. **Motion made by Blackmon to move forward with adding Alcoholic Beverage Special Event License to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and to approve the fee of \$100.00 for a Beer & Wine special event license and the fee of \$250.00 for a Distilled Spirits special event license and the approval process for an Alcoholic Beverage special event license will be the same as our current approval process for a Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirit license for Class II, Class III, Class IV, and Class V license. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**VYBEZ RESTAURANT & LOUNGE-** Chairman Lewis asked Financial Officer Odom to go over the paperwork that was received for the excise tax from Vybez Restaurant & Lounge. Odom stated that the receipts that were turned in do not reflect the correct ratio for food sales versus alcohol sales. Also, it is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and it was turned in late and the amount that was turned in for the excise tax was under paid. Vice-Chairman Blackmon wanted Weeks to verify that Vybez Restaurant & Lounge has a state alcohol license. Weeks confirmed during the meeting that the business does have a State alcohol license. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to send a letter of suspension for 30 days because of the late payment on the excise tax and under payment that was made in addition to the ratio of sales for food and alcohol not being correct.

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**Motion made by Blackmon to send a letter to Vybez Restaurant & Lounge to suspend their Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits license issued from the County for 30 days because of late payment on the excise tax and the under payment that was made in addition to the ratio of sales of food versus alcohol sales not being correct and the letter will state that they have until May 10, 2023 to turn in April's excise tax. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Blackmon and Lewis. Hayes-No

**SOUTHWEST GA. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEV. AUTHORITY BOARD-** Chairman Lewis recommended to everyone that a letter be sent to have Ms. Carolyn Copelan removed from this board. Lewis would like the letter sent to Commissioner Christopher Nunn with the Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs. Chairman Lewis would like to get someone on this board that will thrive. Chairman Lewis stated that there is a meeting Thursday April 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in Clay County and he would like Weeks to attend. Weeks said he will be there. **Motion made by Blackmon to send a letter to Commissioner Nunn for the removal of Ms. Carolyn Copelan from the Southwest Ga. Regional Economic Dev. Authority Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**OLD PROBATE OFFICE ROOF-** Weeks went over the situation with the roof on the old probate office. Weeks requested 3 quotes for the roof replacement. Powell and Son from Columbus, Ga. did not respond. Aarons Roofing from Eufaula, AL. sent a quote in the amount of \$30,000.00. Rodgers Roofing from Georgetown, Ga. sent a quote in the amount of \$27,000.00. This is to tear off the old metal roof, new decking, new ½ inch OSB, new synthetic felt, and new metal roofing. **Motion made by Blackmon to move forward with the lowest quote with a warranty on the work. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**DEER POINT ROAD EMS ASSESSMENT-** Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the EMS assessment on Deer Point Rd. Weeks stated that Mr. Terry Batton is being charged an Emergency services assessment for a parcel that is actually Deer Point Rd. He should not be being charged this assessment on this parcel because it is part of the public road. Mr. Batton is asking for the past Emergency Service Assessment and current Emergency Service Assessment to be removed and to stop the Emergency Service Assessment in the future because of this being a part of Deer point road. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve removing all Emergency Service Assessments off of the parcel that is a part of the public road known as Deer Point Rd. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**P3-2023 PURCHASING POLICY-** Weeks explained that the auditor, Mr. Richard Wingate suggested that we make changes to our purchasing policy because of the threshold amounts. Weeks stated that Wingate said we should follow State procurement policy which is anything from \$15,000.00-\$100,000.00 you are required to attempt to get 3 quotes. Anything over \$100,000.00 must be sealed bids to be opened by the Commissioners in a public meeting. **Motion made by Kinsey to accept the threshold amount changes as described by Weeks. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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Chairman Lewis asked County Clerk Wilson to make a note that when the time comes, he would like the 4 counties to hire a compliance manager to handle compliance issues for all 4 counties. This is something that he would like the 4 county managers to get together to discuss and hire this person on a contract basis. Vice Chairman Blackmon asked to add to this a 4 County grant writer as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Blackmon to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and possible litigation. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to close executive session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to reopen regular session. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated that nothing was done in executive session that required a vote.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 12:09 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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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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