

**AGENDA**  
**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AUGUST 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER  
AGENDA AMENDMENTS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS  
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS  
APPROVAL OF BILLS  
MINUTES

**6:30 p.m.**  
**Resolution R 11-2023-ADOPT MILL RATE-APPROVED**  
(Time allocated 10-minute's total)  
Check Registers **APPROVED**  
AUGUST 2023 **APPROVED**  
Regular meeting minutes July 11, 2023 **APPROVED**  
Called meeting minutes August 1 , 2023 **APPROVED**

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

Recreation Board appointment **DISCUSSED**  
SPLOST 2024 Ballot dates **DISCUSSED**  
Ord O2-14 Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance O3-2023- 1<sup>st</sup> reading **READ**  
**Resolution R 11-2023- ADOPT MILL RATE APPROVED**

Rev. Dr. Betty Jones Smith-Tax dollars for the American Indians **PRESENT**

MEETING ADJOURN

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

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:36 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 to add Executive session to discuss possible litigation. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the amended agenda to add Executive session to discuss possible litigation. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Chairman Lewis asked for any public comments at this time. No comments were made at this time.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**MINUTES**

**June 13, 2023 Public hearing minutes-****Motion made by Bussey to approve the Public hearing minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

**June 13, 2023 Regular meeting minutes-****Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**June 15, 2023 Called meeting minutes-****Motion made by Hayes to approve the Called meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** 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 June total calls 23, transports 16, refusals 2, and cancelation 5. Average response time was 13 minutes.

**ACCG SAFETY GRANT-** Weeks explained that we received the ACCG grant in the amount of \$1250.00. He is able to purchase several safety items with this grant for all departments.

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**LMIG ROAD PAVING PROJECTS-** Weeks stated that the road project for Main street is mostly complete including the crack filler and striping. Weeks also mentioned that we received 22 truckloads of asphalt milling from the roads that were paved. Weeks also informed the Commissioner that we had been awarded the 2024 LMIG funds in the amount of \$203,000.00.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY-**Weeks stated that the County Attorney Jeff Strickland is still working on the Alcoholic Beverage ordinance at this time.

**Tax Commissioner Report-**

**Probate Report-**

**SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-**

**SHERIFF REPORT-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Chairman Lewis read a report from Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs for Family Connections. Chairman Lewis stated that Ms. Crumbs is out of town at a training.

**Library-** Chairman Lewis asked Mrs. Betty Fair if she had a report or any comments at this time. Mrs. Fair explained that the Library had a good turn out for the summer reading program.

**Fire Dept. Report-**

**CHAIRMAN REPORT-**

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**ORDINANCE 02-2023 SECTION 42-32 SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE 2nd READING-**

Chairman Lewis read over Ordinance 02-2023 Section 42-32 Solid waste ordinance. This is a change to the definition of “commercial”. Chairman Lewis stated this was the 2nd reading of this ordinance. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Ordinance 02-2023 Section 42-32 as presented. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Vice Chairman Blackmon wanted to let everyone know that the work that is being done on Florence St. is set to be an upscale R.V. park. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that if anyone had any questions or comments, he would be glad to answer or discuss them.

**2024 HOLIDAY AND COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE-** Chairman Lewis went over the 2024 holiday and Commission meeting schedule. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the 2024 holiday and Commission meeting schedule. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**DOMINION ELECTION EQUIPMENT-** Election Superintendent Matt Self submitted a quote to Financial Officer Odom for the annual warranty on the election equipment. They will come do an onsite service on a non-election day. Mr. Self was unaware of this charge when the budget was presented. He is requesting that the budget be amended to include this cost. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners asked Weeks to contact the surrounding county managers about making this a regional service.

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

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Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Kinsey to reopen regular session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

Chairman Lewis stated that nothing was done in executive session that required a vote.

**APPEARANCES** –Chairman Lewis asked Randolph County 4-H agent Kris Peavy to please introduce to everyone the new employee for Quitman County 4-H Ms. Shelby Weeks. Ms. Shelby Weeks is working part time in the Quitman County 4-H office.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 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**  
**AUGUST 1, 2023**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 2:15 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks. Financial Officer Teri Odom, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. (Kinsey was present via phone).

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Executive Session for possible litigation and update on the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the amended agenda to add Executive Session for possible litigation and update on Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon. (Lewis was not present at this time).

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE-** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked County Manager Weeks to give an update on the Alcoholic Beverage ordinance. Weeks stated that he spoke to our County Attorney last week to find out where they were at with making changes to the Alcoholic Bev. Ordinance. The attorney told Weeks that it should be ready for the Regular August commission meeting. At that meeting the Commission will do the 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the changes that have been made.

Vice Chairman Blackmon asked Weeks to inform everyone about the State Alcohol Compliance officer Mr. John Welch that came and did a surprise inspection last week. Weeks stated that Mr. Welch came by and asked for a copy of all the local Beer, Wine, and Distilled spirits license that have been issued this year. Mr. Welch went to all of those establishments to do his routine inspection. Mr. Welch told Weeks that he actually had 2 businesses that had illegal alcohol in their business. He confiscated all that his vehicle would hold. Vybez Restaurant and Lounge was one of the businesses that he found illegal alcohol at but was unable to confiscate the alcohol because he already had his vehicle full. He stated that he would be returning and doing another inspection in the next few weeks.

**RESOLUTION R10-2023 RETIREMENT –** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to approve Resolution R10-2023 for Retirement with ACCG. **Motion made by Hayes to approve Resolution R10-2023 for Retirement with ACCG. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

**C4-2023 ACCG RETIREMENT AGREEMENT-** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to approve C4-2023 ACCG Retirement agreement. **Motion made by Hayes to approve C4-2023 ACCG Retirement agreement. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

**FORESTER PONTOONS UPDATE-** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked Weeks to give an update on the Forester Pontoon project. Weeks gave everyone a hand out showing what work has

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already been done and what is still left to do. He also went over the cost of the work that has been done and what is left to pay for. (Lewis arrived during this discussion.)

**FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT WITH RVRC-** Chairman Lewis gave a brief update on the meeting last week in regards to seeking funds to assist with bridges on state roads and additional funding to pave dirt roads. River Valley Regional Commission has hired a consulting group to go after Federal funds.

**CDBG WINDING WAY-**Chairman Lewis stated that there is a real possibility that we could get funds to be able to add the Winding Way community onto the County water system. Chairman Lewis would like to go ahead and get some basic information about the Winding Way water system together. River Valley Regional Commission will go ahead and start writing the grant. Chairman Lewis mentioned that he would like to speak to the current owner of the water system prior to River Valley RC getting started.

**BANKING OPERATIONS-** Chairman Lewis went over the interest rates that Ameris bank and PeoplesSouth bank submitted for a 10-month CD. Vice Chairman Blackmon explained to everyone that Ameris bank has not held up their end of the agreement with increasing interest as interest rates have increased. PeoplesSouth bank is offering a 10-month CD special at 5.12% APY with the approval to make early withdrawal if necessary and will waive the pre-payment penalty. Ameris bank has now offered the same 10-month CD special rate and also the approval to make early withdrawal if necessary and will waive the pre-payment penalty. After some discussion, a **motion was made by Blackmon to move surplus funds from Ameris bank to PeoplesSouth bank to a 10-month CD at 5.12% APY with the approval to make early withdrawal, if necessary, with the waiver of the pre-payment penalty. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Voting No-Bussey.

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

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 4:18 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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