

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2024

6:30 p.m.

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

(Time allocated 10 minutes total)
Check Registers
APRIL 2024
Public Hearing minutes March 14, 2024
Regular meeting minutes March 14, 2024
Called meeting minutes March 21, 2024
Called meeting minutes April 1, 2024

REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Ordinance Q2-2024 Occ. Tax License amendment 2nd Reading

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

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Health Board member appointment
Planning & Zoning Board member appointment
R5-2024 Resolution LMIG base bid project
Surplus vehicles and Equipment

ACTION ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

If needed

- Personnel
- Real Estate
- Litigation

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The public hearing was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 6:00 p.m. followed with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Manager Weeks Chairman Lewis arrived during the public hearing. (County Clerk Carolyn Wilson was not present.)

PUBLIC HEARING-

Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan and Occupational Tax License ordinance.

Vice Chairman Blackmon closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 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

GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2024
6:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial officer Teri Odom. (County Clerk Carolyn Wilson was not present).

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for any comments from the public at this time. Mr. Anderson the Chairman of the Board of Education spoke to the Board of Commissioners about wanting to donate a mobile classroom to the Griggs family that recently lost their home to a fire. County Manager Weeks is going to check with the County Attorney on the laws for using a mobile office for housing and get back with Mr. Anderson.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

February 13, 2024 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

MANAGER'S REPORT- Chairman Lewis asked County Manager Weeks for his report. Weeks stated that the EMS report for February was total calls 34, 20 transports, 5 refusals, and 9 cancellations with an average response time of 9.5 minutes. We preformed mutual aid to the other 2 counties 6 times. We received mutual aid 2 times.

RIVER BLUFF PARK BRIDGE REPAIR- Weeks stated that he spoke with Carrie Litteken with the Corp. of Engineers on Monday about the bridge at River Bluff park. Ms. Litteken stated that the revised plans are under review and we should have a response by the middle of next week.

ORDINANCE CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES-Weeks explained that we are going to try to have one ordinance per month on the agenda to have 1st reading and 2nd readings to get ordinances updated or corrected.

2024 LMIG BID OPENING- Weeks informed everyone that the bid opening was on March 7, 2024 and we received 1 bid. Weeks stated that the Commissioners will need to plan to have a work session to go over the bids and see what projects that they want to move forward with.

Tax Commissioner Report- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward was present at the meeting and stated that as of now there are 39 properties on the tax sale. The ad of all properties will be in the Eufaula Tribune and the Southern Tribune.

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Family Connections coordinator Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs gave a brief update at the meeting. Ms. Crumbs stated that there are a couple of events coming up that she is involved in. On March 19, 2024 Women's Month Celebration at the Quitman County Library at 11:00 a.m. There will be a guest speaker at this event. On March 27, 2024 there will be a Dementia program with Area Agency on Aging at 10:00 a.m. at the Quitman County Library and on May 4, 2024 she is having an Ice Cream social for Literacy and Family Engagement from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Georgetown-Quitman County. Chairman Lewis thanked Ms. Crumbs for her update.

4-H COORDINATOR REPORT- Mrs. Cassie Young was present to give a brief update to everyone on 4-H. Mrs. Young stated that she has been working with 15 students from the school that will be competing on Saturday March 16, 2024 in Perry, Ga. for the Project Achievement competition. 4-H is having a flashlight Easter egg hunt on March 27, 2024 at night. This will be for children ages 2-12. She has lots of prizes for all the kids that come. Mrs. Young explained that they are currently running their onion fundraiser. It is a 10- pound bag for \$10.00. Deadline for onions is April 25, 2024. Mrs. Young also went over the summer camp dates and stated that she applied for the Diverse Power grant. She was awarded the grant and the money will be used to do raised garden beds at the school or at the Community Center. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Young for her update.

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

EMA REPORT- County Manager Weeks shared with everyone that Brad Taylor the EMA director for Georgetown-Quitman Co. received a call a few weeks ago during the night about a missing person that had been out coon hunting with a group. Taylor brought the drone that the County owns and helped with the search and rescue to find the missing person. The person was found the next day and was safe.

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

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NEW BUSINESS-

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis stated that Mr. Richard Pitts recently moved out of the County therefore this left a vacancy on the Water & Sewer Authority Board. **Motion made by Blackmon to appoint Mr. Larry Rigsby to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis stated that Mr. Richard Pitts was also on the Health Board so after him leaving the County this leaves a vacancy on the Health board. This was tabled to find someone that is willing to serve on this board.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis asked that Weeks ask the different individuals that are interested in the Planning and Zoning board appointment to submit something in writing about their interest in the board and a little summary of their work history or any information that would be beneficial as a member of the Planning and Zoning board. This was tabled until we receive the information requested.

2023.2024-01 BUDGET AMENDMENT EXHIBIT A- Chairman Lewis read over the budget amendment as presented. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve 2023.2024-01 Budget amendment exhibit A. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

SURPLUS VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the surplus vehicles and equipment. Weeks stated that we have several vehicles and some equipment that needs to be declared surplus to be able to list the items to sell. **Motion made by Blackmon to declare all items on list (see attached list) as surplus. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

ORDINANCE O2-2024 OCCUPATIONAL TAX LICENSE AMENDMENT- Chairman Lewis introduced Ordinance O2-2024 Occupational Tax License amendment. Weeks read over all the changes. Chairman Lewis stated this is the 1st reading of Ordinance O2-2024.

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

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

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2024
3:00 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 3:13 p.m. followed with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Bussey. County Manager Weeks, County Clerk Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Commissioner Kinsey was not present).

AGENDA AMENDMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add budget discussion. **Motion made by Blackmon to amend the agenda to add budget discussion. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

ORDINANCE O2-2024 OCCUPATIONAL TAX LICENSE AMENDMENT 1st

READING- Chairman Lewis stated that this is the 1st reading of Ordinance O2-2024 Occupational Tax license amendment. Weeks read over the changes that are being made to the Occupational Tax license ordinance.

BUDGET DISCUSSION- Chairman Lewis asked Vice-Chairman Blackmon to open the discussion on the budget. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that the only issue he sees at this time is the Sheriff's budget. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Lewis stated that they will continue to monitor the Sheriff's budget and speak with him if necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:15 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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Blackmon at 10:14 a.m. followed with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. County Manager Weeks, County Clerk Wilson, Financial Officer Teri Odom, and Tax Appraiser Isabel Stoval. (Commissioners Lewis and Bussey were not present).

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

EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSESSMENT- Vice Chairman Blackmon asked Tax Appraiser Isabel Stovall if she would like to open the discussion on the Emergency Service assessment. Mrs. Stovall stated that we have several parcels in the County that have more than 1 dwelling on their property and according to the Emergency Service Assessment ordinance those properties are supposed to be paying the Emergency service assessment per livable dwelling. Mrs. Stovall has made a list of the residential and commercial properties with more than 1 livable dwelling. After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Stovall explained that she will go out to each property that she has a question about and will create a more detailed list once she has done that.

LMIG-Vice Chairman Blackmon asked Weeks to go over LMIG. Weeks explained that he has a couple of updates before he goes over the LMIG projects. Weeks stated that the revised repair plan has been sent to the Corp. of Engineers and hopefully we will get an answer by next week from the Corp. of Engineers. Weeks also stated that he received the approval to be able to use the \$203,000.00 for Bona Partes road paving that was originally earmarked for the Grant project site. We are required to do a 10% match on those funds.

Weeks went over all the roads that were put out to bid for LMIG. Weeks stated that if the Commissioners approve the base bid which includes Winding Way Dam and guard rail, Whip O Will, Sleepy Hollow, Magnolia, and High street the cost would be \$555,879.22 If they add 1000 ft. of Old 39 road that would be an additional \$52,000.00 to give a total of \$607,879.00. We would use \$466,000.00 out of LMIG, \$20,800.00 for the 10% match from TSPLOST, and \$121,079.00 from TSPLOST to cover all cost. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the base bid plus 1000 ft of Old 39 Rd all to be paid out of LMIG and TSPLOST. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Hayes, Kinsey, and Blackmon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 11:11 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