

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

C4-2024 GMA Retirement plan adoption agreement

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10 minutes total)

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers

APPROVAL OF BILLS

JUNE 2024

MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes May 14, 2024

Called meeting minutes June 5, 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

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

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Health Board member appointment

Ordinance O3-2024 GMA Retirement amendment-1ST reading

Library Board appointment-Carvel Lewis, Wylene Eleby
(both agreed to continue to serve)

C4-2024 GMA Retirement plan adoption agreement

Ordinance O4-2024 amendment to Chapter 33 Nuisance ordinance-
1st reading

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If needed

- Personnel
- Real Estate
- Litigation

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

JUNE 11, 2024 Board Meeting

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

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:41 p.m. with a prayer and the pledge. 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 amend the agenda to add McGowan land subdivision. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the amended agenda adding McGowan land subdivision. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for any comments from the public at this time. One citizen asked how do we get the word out about having grand openings as we get new businesses. Vice Chairman Blackmon responded by stating that the most recent grand opening was just a ceremonial grand opening but, in the future, we will advertise these types of events. Chairman Lewis also stated that we have changed the legal organ to The Southern Tribune.

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

MINUTES

April 9, 2024 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** 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 April was total calls 40, 21 transports, 8 refusals, and 11 cancellations with an average response time of 12.5 minutes. We provided mutual aid 8 times and we received mutual aid 3 times.

2024 LMIG PROJECT-Weeks stated that the pre-construction meeting for Winding Way Blvd. dam, Whip-O-Will, Lovers Lane, Sleepy Hollow, Magnolia, High St., and Old 39 Rd.was held today May 14, 2024. Start date for these projects is May 28, 2024 and should be completed in 3-4 weeks.

BID OPENING BONAPARTES RETREAT RESURFACING-Weeks informed everyone that the bid opening was held for the Bonapartes Retreat Road resurfacing. Weeks stated we received 4 bids. Phenix paving bid was \$307,018.80, Jim Boyd construction bid was \$272,117.50, Wofford construction bid was \$255,253.00,

and A1 paving bid was \$255,000.00. Mr. Tim Simpson our engineer does not recommend A1 paving do to lack of experience with paving roads and would not guarantee any materials. Simpsons recommendation is to go with the Wofford construction bid at \$255,253.00. **Motion made by Blackmon to go with the Wofford construction bid at \$255,253.00 for the Bonapartes Retreat Road resurfacing project. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

RIVER BLUFF PARK BRIDGE REPAIR- Weeks stated that we have been given a start date of May 20, 2024 and a completion date of June 10, 2024.

Weeks asked the Commissioners about scheduling a Called meeting. Chairman Lewis asked everyone to look at their calendars for a date. The called meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Family Connections coordinator Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was not present at the meeting. Chairman Lewis read over a dementia flyer left by Ms. Crumbs. There will be a dementia virtual tour at the Community Center on May 23, 2024 from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Ms. Crumbs left a note that volunteers are needed for this event.

4-H COORDINATOR REPORT-

Library- Librarian Mrs. Betty Fair was at the meeting and talked about several activities that are coming up this summer. Mrs. Fair stated that the sign-up for the Summer reading program is May 29, 2024 at the library. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Fair for her update on the library.

Fire Dept. Report-

EMA REPORT-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS-

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION- Chairman Lewis read the Community Action month proclamation for everyone.

GEFA AMR/AMI WATER METER REPLACEMENT- Chairman Lewis went over the water replacement project bid. The bid was received from M & E Construction Company, LLC with a base bid in the amount of \$477,886.50. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the GEFA AMR/AMI water meter replacement project bid in the amount of \$477,886.50. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

GEFA RESOLUTION R6-2024 LOAN #LSLI2022045-Chairman Lewis read Resolution R6-2024 loan #LSLI2022045 in the amount of \$32,170.00 **Motion made by Blackmon to approve GEFA Resolution R6-2024 loan # LSLI2022045 in the amount of \$32,170.00. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

MCGOWAN LAND SUBDIVISION-County Manager Weeks went over the McGowan land subdivision. Weeks stated that this is basically a formality that is required when someone wants to take 1 parcel of land and subdivide it into 2 parcels. Planning and Zoning as well as River Valley Regional commission have given their approval. Once approved by the Commissioners it will be filed at the Courthouse. **Motion made by Hayes to approve the subdivision for McGowan to subdivide 1 parcel into 2 parcels. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

C3-2024 UGA EXTENSION CONTRACT-Chairman Lewis asked Financial Officer Odom if there were any changes in the contract. Mrs. Odom stated that nothing has changed. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve C3-2024 UGA Extension contract. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

HEALTH, DENTAL, & VISION INSURANCE RENEWAL-Chairman Lewis went over the different proposals that were received. After a short discussion, **Motion made by Hayes to approve the Health, dental, and Vision insurance renewal with Anthem. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis asked to table this for the June meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

APPEARANCES – Chairman Lewis asked the ladies present from New Horizons if they would like to come forward for the presentation. Ms. Susan Gallagher Chief Financial officer and Ms. Andrea B. Winston, LPC Executive Director with New Horizons introduced themselves to everyone. Ms. Gallagher stated that May is mental health awareness month. They provided a handout to all the Commissioners with data for Quitman County. After going over the data and information provided, Chairman Lewis thanked them for coming and sharing the importance of mental health.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 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
JUNE 5, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:26 a.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 present via phone).

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

RESOLUTION R7-2024 LMIG BONAPARTES RETREAT RD PROJECT- Chairman Lewis read over Resolution R7-2024 LMIG Bonapartes Retreat Rd project. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R7-2024. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT JOHN DEERE Z930 AND JOHN DEERE Z920

LAWNMOWERS- Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the surplus equipment. Weeks stated that these are the two oldest mowers and we just recently purchased two new ones to replace these. **Motion made by Hayes to declare the John Deere Z930 and Z920 lawnmowers as surplus. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon.**

FY 2024-2025 BUDGET DISCUSSION- Chairman Lewis asked Financial officer Odom to start the discussion on the FY 2024-2025 budget. Odom started by explaining that we are in a deficit on the budget in the amount of \$637,000.00. Odom stated that this has been building over several years but we were fortunate enough to have funds come in from other sources that we were able to sustain. We are in a situation now where those funds have been exhausted. Odom explained that the main area of concern for her is the election section. Odom has plugged in some numbers in the budget in this area just to have an idea of what that cost is going to be. After discussing a couple of different options, it was decided to do the budget public hearing on June 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and the budget adoption will be on June 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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

APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:42 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