

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS
APPROVAL OF BILLS
MINUTES

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)
Check Registers
JUNE 2022
Regular meeting minutes May 10, 2022
Called meeting minutes June 1, 2022

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

ACTION ITEM

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Proclamation for Mrs. Mary McCarthy
Proclamation for Ms. Shirley Garrett
Family Connections Contract
AmeriPro EMS

ACTION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. with a prayer followed by 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 approve the amended agenda with the current addition: Executive Session to discuss personnel. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments at this time. After hearing none, Chairman Lewis moved on.

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

MINUTES

March 12, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks was present and gave the total calls for EMS for the month of April. Our average response time was 23 minutes. Weeks stated this is due to Randolph County still having an excessive number of calls that Clay and Quitman County are responding to. Weeks has reached out to John Hanson with Grady EMS to discuss the future with them. Weeks met Ameripro EMS while over in Savannah and they want to meet here with Weeks and the Commissioners to discuss their service and give a presentation.

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CDBG- Weeks stated that the CDBG application failed due to no response for the RFP for architect. He also stated that there is not enough time to put it in the paper again.

LISKO FAMILY MIDWAY ENTERTAINMENT FAIR- Weeks explained to everyone that the fair is here and setup on Kaigler Rd. They will be open May 10th thru May 14th. They gave a \$2,000.00 dollar donation to the Recreation Board. They are going to put us on their annual schedule.

BONOPARTES RETREAT- Weeks received a call from Steve Harris the President of the HOA at Bonapartes about some cracking in the asphalt on Bonapartes Retreat Rd. Weeks said after looking at it he discovered that there is a culvert that needs replacing. The estimated cost is around \$15,000.00 dollars and this can be paid for with TSPLOST funds. Weeks has ordered the pipe and as soon as it comes in this will be scheduled to be taken care of.

Commissioner Kinsey asked Weeks what the average response time is for Randolph County. Weeks stated he doesn't know but he can pull the reports and find out.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS-

Library- Chairman Lewis thanked everyone for coming out for the ribbon cutting ceremony that was held at the new Quitman County Library. Lewis stated that the support for the library was wonderful. Lewis also mentioned that the School band did a phenomenal job performing and Governor Kemp was very impressed.

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION- Chairman Lewis read the Community Action Proclamation from ESP declaring May 2022 Community Action month. Ms. Keona Swindler with ESP was present to accept this proclamation.

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WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis explained that there are 3 appointments that need to be made to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Jimmy Scott & Jerry Green to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. **Motion made by Hayes to appoint Jimmy Scott & Jerry Green to the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis stated that his appointment and Ms. Wylene Eleby's appointment are up for reappointment. Both have agreed to continue to serve. Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to reappoint Mr. Carvel Lewis and Ms. Wylene Eleby to the Library Board. **Motion made by Bussey to reappoint Mr. Carvel Lewis and Ms. Wylene Eleby to the Library board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis stated that Mrs. Gayle Bennett's and Stephen King's appointments are due on the Health board. Commissioner Kinsey stated that Ms. Mattie Glover and Mr. Richard Pitts have agreed to serve. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Mattie Glover and Mr. Richard Pitts to the Health board. **Motion made by Bussey to appoint Ms. Mattie Glover and Mr. Richard Pitts to the Health board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

DFCS BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis explained that Ms. Jackie Waddell has agreed to continue to serve on the DFCS board. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to reappoint Ms. Waddell to the DFCS board. **Motion made by Blackmon to reappoint Ms. Waddell to the DFCS board. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RESOLUTION R4-2022 TO REAPPOINT WILL SMITH TO THE TAX ASSESSOR BOARD- Chairman Lewis went over Resolution R4-2022 to reappoint Mr. Will Smith to the Tax Assessor board. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to reappoint Mr. Will Smith and approve Resolution R4-2022. **Motion made by Kinsey to reappoint Mr. Will Smith to the Tax Assessor board and approve Resolution R4-2022. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

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Hayes, Kinsey, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to close executive session. Second by Bussey.** 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 no decisions were made during Executive session that required a vote.

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT JARRED & DAVIS- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Jarred & Davis as the County Attorney for a 90-day interim period. **Motion made by Blackmon to appoint Jarred & Davis as the County Attorney for a 90-day interim period. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon. Voting No-Lewis.

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 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
JUNE 1, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson. County Attorney's Chris Hamilton and Jeff Strickland with Jarred & Davis, LLP.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

RIVER BLUFF PARK- Weeks explained to the new County Attorney's the situation with River Bluff park. He stated that we have a 25- year lease with the Corps of Engineers on River Bluff park. There are 2 bridges that need repairing and the Corps of Engineers is holding us responsible for those bridge repairs. Weeks is trying to find out if we are legally responsible for those repairs. The County Attorneys will take the contract with them and get back with Weeks on a decision.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Weeks stated that we have a company Forester Pontoons that is interested in building a manufacturing company here. The County has 7 acres of land that will be given to the Local Economic Development Authority through an Intergovernmental agreement. The land will be given to Forester Pontoon as an incentive for building a factory here. We have already secured a grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 dollars for site prep. Hamilton and Strickland stated they will get to work on this agreement as soon as they collect all the information to put that together.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION- Weeks explained that currently we do not have a Board of Equalization. Weeks stated that we have several appeals that need to be heard and this can't happen until we get a Board of Equalization appointed and trained. This falls under the Superior

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Clerk of Courts duties. Weeks has spoken to the Superior Clerk and nothing has been done to get this rectified.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL- Weeks went over the County health insurance renewal with everyone. There is an increase of \$17,000.00 dollars. The County would absorb the increase and the employee’s portion would stay the same. The coverage will stay the same. **Motion made by Bussey for the County to absorb the increase with the County health insurance and approve the contract as presented. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Blackmon.

AMERIPRO- Weeks stated that he had a meeting last week with AmeriPro EMS service. We currently have a contract for EMS with Grady EMS. We are looking at a different service because Grady EMS is not providing the level of service needed. We currently pay \$350,000.00 dollars to Grady annually. AmeriPro has given some numbers to Weeks for service. They are offering a new truck, staffed daily with a paramedic and 1 advance EMT for \$595,000.00 dollars. This also includes an area EMS director for our region (Randolph, Clay, and Quitman County.) We will also not be sharing ambulances. Weeks has also spoken to Goldstar EMS service and they are offering a service for \$535,000.00. They will not provide an ambulance they want to use our old ambulance, no paramedic staffed. They would only be staffed with advance EMT’s.

2020 POST-CENSUS GROUP QUARTERS REVIEW- County Clerk Wilson stated that this information is about providing governments the opportunity to ask the U.S. Census Bureau to review 2020 census group quarters population counts. This was briefly discussed.

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

Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that no decisions were made during Executive session that required a vote.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

_____ not present _____
Carvel Lewis, Chairman

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

_____ _____
Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

_____ _____
David Kinsey, Commissioner

_____ not present _____
Jim Hayes, Commissioner

_____ _____
Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

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