

**AGENDA**  
**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2022**

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  
OCTOBER 2022  
Regular meeting minutes September 13, 2022  
Called meeting minutes September 20, 2022

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

MEETING ADJOURN

Water & Sewer Authority Board appointment  
Holiday & Meeting Schedule for 2023

*SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 Board Meeting*

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Carvel Lewis at 6:35 p.m. with a prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Bussey. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, County Manager Jason Weeks, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Kinsey was not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Executive session to discuss real estate and pending litigation. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept the amended agenda. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Chairman Lewis asked if there were any public comments at this time. Mr. Booker Johnson spoke about a vision that he received from God. Mr. Johnson gave his interpretation of what the vision meant. Mr. Johnson spoke of great destruction that he interpreted from his vision, that is coming to Georgetown-Quitman County. Chairman Lewis thanked Mr. Johnson for his thoughts and concern for the community. Ms. Bernice Johnson spoke about the grass not being cut in front of her house. County Manager Jason Weeks stated that he would look into this for Ms. Johnson. Another concerned citizen asked about the EMS assessment that has been added to the tax bill. Chairman Lewis tried to explain the fee and the different ways that the public was notified about the assessment prior to it being added to the tax bill.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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## **MINUTES**

August 8, 2022 Town Hall meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Town hall meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 9, 2022 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 22, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

August 24, 2022 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Hayes to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**- County Manager Weeks was present and gave his report. Weeks stated that he did not receive a report from Grady this month and has not received one in several months.

**AMERIPRO**- Weeks reported that he received the contract from Ameripro and he has sent it to our attorney for their review. As soon as he gets it back, he will let Mr. Larry Richardson with Ameripro know.

**LMIG PROJECTS**- Weeks explained that he has a meeting in the morning with Tim Simpson with Barrett & Simpson engineering to go look at several LMIG projects that he would like to get in before the end of this year.

**EPD**- Weeks stated that EPD called and we have an inspection at the Landfill tomorrow.

**FY 2021 AUDIT**- Weeks reported that the FY 2021 audit has been completed and we will need to set a date to meet with the auditors.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**- Weeks asked the Commissioners to set a date for trunk or treat for this year if that was something that they wanted to do.

## **Tax Commissioner Report-**

## **Probate Report-**

## **SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-**

## **SHERIFF REPORT-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS**- Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave a brief report for Family Connections. Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs stated that the second annual Community Appreciation Day/Health Fair is scheduled for October 1, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at

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the Neighborhood Community Service Center. There will be food, games, health screenings and vaccinations available along with free community resources. Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs explained that she has completed the Solid Waste/Recycling grant. The grant is up to \$2 million dollars to establish a recycling program and decrease landfill waste. She also stated that the collaborative continues to serve families with information and connections to resources for utilities, housing, and food needs by working with community partner agencies and organizations.

### **Library-**

**Fire Dept. Report-** Fire Chief John Everett Pate was present to give a brief update. Pate stated that we just recently had our ISO audit. This audit helps the county by giving us an ISO rating that will help with home owners insurance rates. The County's current ISO rating was a 7. After the audit that was just completed, the ISO rating dropped to a 6. Pate wanted to let everyone know to check with their home owner's insurance to make sure they have the correct ISO rating. Chairman Lewis thanked Pate for the update and the hard work that the Fire Dept. does to make this rating possible.

### **CHAIRMAN REPORT-**

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

#### **R7-2022 RESOLUTION REQUESTING SALES TAX INFORMATION YEAR 2020-**

Chairman Lewis read over R7-2022. This resolution is to appoint Vice Chairman Blackmon as the designee for receiving the sales tax information for year 2020. **Motion made by Hayes to approve Resolution R7-2022. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

#### **R8-2022 RESOLUTION REQUESTING SALES TAX INFORMATION YEAR 2021-**

Chairman Lewis read over R8-2022. This resolution is to appoint Vice Chairman Blackmon as the designee for receiving the sales tax information for year 2021. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Resolution R8-2022. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

#### **R9-2022 RESOLUTION TO OPEN REVOLVING LOAN FUND ACCOUNT AT FIVE**

**STAR CREDIT UNION-** Vice Chairman Blackmon read over Resolution R9-2022. This resolution is to open a Revolving Loan fund account at Five Star Credit Union. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Resolution R9-2022. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

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**WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT-** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked if this could be tabled until the next meeting when all commissioners are present.

**RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION PLANNING & ZONING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT-** Vice Chairman Blackmon asked if there were any changes to the contract from the previous year. County Manager Weeks stated that the only change was a \$1500.00 price increase. **Motion made by Bussey to approve the River Valley Regional Commission Planning & Zoning technical assistance contract. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** **Motion made by Blackmon to go into executive session to discuss real estate and pending litigation. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Bussey to close executive session. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. **Motion made by Blackmon to reopen regular session. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis stated that no action was taken during Executive Session that required a vote.

Chairman Lewis asked what day did the other Commissioners want to do Trunk or Treat on? It was decided to do Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2022.

Vice Chairman Blackmon suggested that we find out from the auditors when they could meet before setting a meeting date.

**APPEARANCES** – Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Lester Bussey to come forward to address the Commission Board. Mr. Lester Bussey started by thanking several different individuals for their help and county services. Mr. Bussey went onto to state that they have a clogged culvert pipe and when it rains the water is ponding and causing flooding in the area where their property is located. Mr. Bussey and family had a letter prepared with these requests. Chairman Lewis asked him to give the letter to County Manager Weeks.

### **MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 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  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 10:36 a.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. Water & Sewer Authority Board Chairman Joyce Jones, Manager Ashaki Cunningham. County Auditors Richard Wingate and John DeLoach with DeLoach, Wingate & Company P.C. (Commissioner Kinsey was not present.)

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

**DELOACH AND WINGATE 2021 AUDIT REPORT-** Richard Wingate of DeLoach, Wingate & Company P.C. was here to present the FY 2021 audit. Mr. Wingate stated that he wanted to start by thanking the staff for being so kind and courteous. He stated that this makes their job much easier when they are able to work with kind and professional people. Mr. Wingate explained their responsibilities as the auditors and our responsibilities as the County. After a lengthy discussion about the audit, Mr. Wingate went over the findings and recommendations in the audit. Mr. Wingate ended the discussion by thanking everyone again for their help.

**CHANGE FY END DATE-** Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Wingate and Mr. DeLoach if they had a few minutes that they could stay and help with the discussion on changing the FY end date. Chairman Lewis explained to everyone that this would make it possible to complete the audit on time to stay in compliance with the state. Mr. Wingate encouraged the Commissioners to move forward with changing the FY end date to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. After a brief discussion, Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to move forward with changing the FY end date to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. **Motion made by Blackmon to accept changing the FY end date to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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**COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL FEE INCREASE-** County Manager Weeks explained that the current cost for one day use of the Community Center is \$200.00 with a \$50.00 deposit return. Weeks stated that the cost to rent the Community Center is cheaper than anything around our area and that with the current \$50.00 deposit return we are having some issues with people not cleaning and putting the Community center back the way they received it. Weeks suggested that the fee increase to \$300.00 with a \$100.00 deposit return for one day use. The increase would be \$50.00 total. After some more discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to increase the Community center rental fee for one day use to \$300.00 with a \$100.00 deposit return as of September 21, 2022 unless the name is already on the calendar for a certain date. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

**WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT-** Vice Chairman Blackmon suggested this be tabled until the next meeting when all commissioners are able to be present. Chairman Lewis said this will be tabled until the next Regular Commission meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**  
**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 11:37 a.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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