

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 PM

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION-EMA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS

MONTH CHECK REGISTERS

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes June 14, 2020 **APPROVED**

MONTH

Called meeting minutes June 23, 2020 **APPROVED**

Emergency Called meeting minutes July 7, 2020 **APPROVED**

REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS

EMA DIRECTOR

FIRE

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE

ACTION ITEM

EMA

ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Re-Appointment to the Regional 7 EMS Council-Norma Hayes

APPROVED

ACTION ITEM

Cobra Agreement

APPROVED

ACTION ITEM

P15-2020 Time sheet Policy

APPROVED

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2020
6:00PM**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey (came in late). County Attorney Tracy Cary, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, Financial Officer Teri Odom and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS-

Motion made by Blackmon to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Tax Commissioner Mindy Ward wanted to let everyone know the glass shield is up in her office and in the other offices in the courthouse as well. She is thankful for the glass shields. Ms. Linda Kent a resident of Whispering Pines spoke a few minutes about the bamboo that is growing across from Whispering Pines. The birds are roosting in it and causing a health hazard. Weeks took down the complaint and let her know that we will be in contact with the owner to get this cleaned up.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER- Motion made by Kinsey to approve previous month check register. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

May 12, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Blackmon to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks gave his report on EMS for the month of May there were a total of 21 calls, 12 transports, and 9 refusals. Weeks reported that the 1st phase of the Census is completed the 2nd phase will now begin. The 2nd phase of the Census is where the Census

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workers will go out and assist people in completing their Census. Weeks stated that we have plans on helping with this 2nd phase to help people get it completed.

CDBG- Weeks spoke with Paul Rakel about the drainage issue on the Norris property and he received a detailed plan with cost. Weeks would like to discuss this at a work session and some other issues in regards to this project. Weeks reported that they are supposed to get started this week with surveying with weather permitting.

VERIZON TOWER- Weeks explained that he completed the utility easement for the Verizon tower and they have moved in their equipment to get started.

GLASS SHIELDS FOR OFFICES- Weeks stated that all the glass shields have been installed in all offices. In the Superior Clerks office there is one more piece of glass that needs to be installed and it supposed to be completed this week by Thursday.

LIBRARY-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Ms. Sara Lee was present at the meeting and gave an update on different things that she has been working on. Family Connections has collaborated with Area Agency for food for seniors in the community. She has been doing bi-weekly reports to her Regional Manager Michael Johnson about our needs here. Columbus Tech. has reached out to put up Wi-Fi stations throughout the County to help students with internet service. She will be holding the Farmers Market on July 8, 2020. She has applications available in her office for the farmers market. Ms. Sara Lee thanked the County for the support with Family Connections and with the budget cuts. Chairman Lewis thanked her for her work in these different areas he really appreciates her involvement with the school and the literacy program.

Fire Dept. Report-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

RVRC PLANNING & ZONING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT- Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Planning and Zoning technical assistance contract with River Valley Regional Commission. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey arrived during this discussion).

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FAMILY CONNECTION CONTRACT- Motion made by Bussey to approve the Family Connection contract. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL- Lewis explained that he would like to see the COVID-19 cases start decreasing before we open the community center for rental. All commissioners were in agreement with this. This will be revisited in September.

CENSUS TEAMS- Vice Chairman Blackmon explained to everyone that we are going to put five teams together to go out and assist with getting everyone counted.

GROUP HEALTH CARE INSURANCE- Chairman Lewis went over the two quotes that we received. One is from United Health Care and one is from Anthem. Lewis went onto to say that we are waiting for a quote from Anthem thru our current broker One Digital. **Motion made by Blackmon to go with Anthem for group health insurance regardless of which broker it comes from with the lowest rate. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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APPEARANCES –
MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 6:48 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 23, 2020
3:00 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:20 P.M. with prayer. 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-

Motion made by Blackmon to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

EMA- After some discussion on the EMA assistant position, it was decided to table this to look at the compensation that is available. Brad Taylor the EMA director recommended that Financial Officer Teri Odom be considered for the position since she is already doing the majority of the paperwork and has some of the training that is required. Michael Williams and Chris Bland were also nominated for the position. This will be discussed at a later date.

COPIER CONTRACT- Weeks explained that currently Vice Chairman Blackmon has been providing color toner and black toner free for several years for the copiers that he provides to the County. Vice Chairman Blackmon has made some changes to the current copier contract. The County will now pay for the color toner and black toner. Bussey asked to go into Executive Session to discuss the copier contract.

CENSUS TRAINING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER- Weeks stated that an individual with the Census Bureau reached out to him about holding training for the Census at the Community Center. Chairman Lewis stated that they do not have a problem with this as long as they follow the current COVID-19 guidelines and as long as the dates do not conflict with current usage. Weeks will get the dates and make sure there will not be any conflicts. **Motion made by Bussey to allow the Census Bureau to hold training at the Community Center following the current COVID-19 guidelines. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE WITH GEFA- Chairman Lewis read the modification of the promissory note. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the modification of the promissory note. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. (Bussey stepped out.)

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY EXHIBIT A WITH GEFA PROMISSORY NOTE- Chairman Lewis read the Resolution of the Governing Body. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Resolution of the Governing Body Exhibit A. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis. (Bussey stepped out.)

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OPINION OF BORROWERS COUNSEL EXHIBIT B WITH GEFA PROMISSORY

NOTE- Motion made by Kinsey to approve the opinion of Borrowers Counsel Exhibit B. Second by Blackmon. Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon and Lewis.

LIBRARY- Each Commissioner was given a copy of the Library schematic. Chairman Lewis went over the design for the new library and asked for suggestions or opinions with the design. Bussey asked if there had been a name chosen yet. Hayes was concerned about people parking on the grass if the parking lot was too small.

PAYROLL- Weeks went over the issue with timesheets not being turned in on time. After some discussion, it was decided that there needed to be a County Policy made that all timesheets need to be turned in by a reasonable time on payroll Monday. This will need to be written and voted on at the next meeting.

DIRT PRICES- Weeks stated that Vice Chairman Blackmon wanted to discuss the price of the dirt that the County provides as a service to citizens. We currently charge \$60.00 per load of dirt. The loads are approximately 7-8 yards. Chairman Lewis suggested that Weeks get prices from surrounding areas and come up with a price to vote on at the next meeting.

GA. LOCAL NEWS- Chairman Lewis went over an email that he received from GeorgiaForward about the counties in Georgia that do not have a local newspaper. Lewis asked County Clerk Carolyn Wilson to forward the information to Sara Lee to see if she is available to be on the conference call regarding this issue.

CDBG- Weeks explained to everyone that Paul Rakel with Sowega Engineering came over to look at flooding issues on Derrick Norris' place. Weeks also explained that there is a very similar issue that Whispering Pines is having on lots 1, 2, and 19. He has asked Rakel to do a hydraulic study on those lots. Rakel's fear is that the Corp of Engineers will not allow that much water to dump in the lake without a sediment pond for all the debris. Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to give this information to County Attorney Tracy Cary.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion made by Bussey to go into Executive Session to discuss copier contract and possible litigation. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Motion made by Kinsey to close executive session. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis. Motion made by Kinsey to open Regular session. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

It was agreed that we would continue with the current copier contract until December 31, 2020.

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MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 4:52 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
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2020
2:30 P.M.**

CALLED TO ORDER The Emergency meeting was called to order at 3:20 P.M. with prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. County Manager Jason Weeks and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

COVID-19-Chairman Lewis stated this Emergency meeting was called after a conference call with Governor Brain Kemp discussing the COVID-19 virus. Chairman Lewis stated that Eufaula, AL. Mayor Jack Tibbs has put in place an Executive Order for a curfew for Eufaula for 2 weeks. Chairman Lewis asked the other Commissioners for their opinion on implementing a curfew for Georgetown-Quitman County. After some discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to implement a curfew starting July 8, 2020 thru July 22, 2020 from 11:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. EST. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Blackmon

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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