

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

ACTION ITEM

Chairman

ACTION ITEM

Vice Chairman

ACTION ITEM

County Attorney

ACTION ITEM

Auditor

ACTION ITEM

R01-2022 LCRT Authority Addition of Members

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Time allocated 10-minute's total)

PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS

Check Registers

APPROVAL OF BILLS

January 2022

MINUTES

Public Hearing meeting minutes December 14, 2021

Regular meeting minutes December 14, 2021

Called meeting minutes December 21, 2021

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

Approval of FY 2022 monthly recurring payments

ACTION ITEM

Tax Commissioner Letter

ACTION ITEM

Sheriff Letter

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pending Litigation

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2021
6:00 PM**

CALLED TO ORDER The public hearing was called to order at 6:09 p.m. with prayer followed by the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

PUBLIC HEARING- Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the public hearing for the FY 2022 Budget hearing. No one attended the Public hearing.

MEETING ADJOURN-

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 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
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2021
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 Attorney Tracy Cary, Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Executive session for Personnel and Policy for Tax Assessors Board. **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 anyone had any comments at this time. Rev. Dr. Betty Jones-Smith asked to speak about the internet service provider in our area that is not abiding by the public service laws and she is going to represent our County to the Public Service Commission.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

MINUTES

November 9, 2021, Regular meeting minutes- **Motion made by Bussey to approve the regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

November 30, 2021 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made Kinsey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Lewis. (Blackmon did not vote because he was absent from this called meeting).

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December 3, 2021 Called meeting minutes- **Motion made Kinsey to approve the Called meeting minutes. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Weeks was present and gave the total call for EMS for the month of November.

BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT- Weeks stated that all the bridge repair work has been completed. Weeks went around with Ryan Gordon from Barrett & Simpson and looked at all the work that was done. Weeks talked with Simpson about getting correct numbers for paving projects for our 2022 LMIG funds.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR- Weeks reported that the John Deere tractor that was stolen about a month ago was found. Weeks stated he was glad to have found it and have it back without any damage.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report-

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Chairman Lewis reported on behalf of Family Connections Coordinator Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs. He explained that she has completed several grants. She is also working with the Seventh Day Adventist Church with helping needy families receive food boxes.

Library- Chairman Lewis state that the plans with the library are on track. He anticipates a soft opening the first part of January and a Grand opening a little later when the Governor is able to come.

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

R15-2021 ANNEXTION RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis went over Resolution R15-2021.

Motion made by Blackmon to approve Resolution R15-2021. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R16-2021 E-911 BUDGET FY 2022 BUDGET RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R16-2021. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve R16-2021 E-911 Budget FY 2022**

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Budget Resolution. Second by Hayes. Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R17-2021 LAW LIBRARY FY 2022 BUDGET RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R17-2021. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve R17-2021 Law Library FY 2022 Budget Resolution. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

R18-2021 GENERAL OPERATION FY 2022 BUDGET RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis read Resolution R18-2021. **Motion made by Bussey to approve R18-2021 General Operation FY 2022 Budget Resolution. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis

REGION 6 DBBHDD REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL- Chairman Lewis went over the vacancy on this board and the requirements. We are still looking for someone to fill this vacancy.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis asked County Clerk Wilson to find out if the School nurse could legally serve on the health board because she does not live in Georgetown-Quitman County.

WATER & SEWAGE AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis explained that there are 2 people that are interested in the 1 vacancy on this board. Chairman Lewis stated the 2 individuals are Porshia Grier and Jimmy Scott. Chairman Lewis asked for a Motion to appoint Porshia Grier. **Motion made by Hayes to appoint Porshia Grier to the Water & Sewage Authority Board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS- Chairman Lewis stated that we have four appointments available on the Recreation board and five interested individuals. Chairman Lewis went over the four that are currently on the board that are up for reappointment: Royzell Wilson, Gloria Johnson, Urvashi Foster, and Chris Bland. After some discussion, a **Motion was made by Blackmon to Reappoint Royzell Wilson and Gloria Johnson to the Recreation Board and appoint KimKeisha Rivers to the Recreation Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

TAX ASSESSOR BOARD REAPPOINTMENT (JOHN PRITCHETT)- Chairman Lewis stated that Mr. John Pritchett's appointment was up for reappointment. **Motion made by Blackmon to reappoint John Pritchett to the Tax Assessor Board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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POLICY FOR DISPLAYING DECALS ON PREBILL MOBILE HOMES- Chairman

Lewis explained that the Tax Assessor board approved to continue requiring decals on prebill mobile homes. Lewis asked for a motion to approve this. **Motion made by Blackmon for a policy to continue requiring decals on prebill mobile homes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

R18-2021 GENERAL OPERATION FY 2022 BUDGET RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis explained to everyone that there was a mistake on the numbers in the Resolution that he read. Lewis stated that the correct number is \$3,338,671.85. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the amended figure of \$3,338,671.85. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, Blackmon, and Lewis.

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

Called meeting scheduled for December 21, 2021 at 1:15 p.m.

APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 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
DECEMBER 21, 2021
1:15 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Blackmon, Kinsey, and Hayes. County Clerk Carolyn Wilson, and County Manager Jason Weeks. (Financial officer Odom and Chairman Lewis were not present). Bussey was present via phone.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Vice Chairman Blackmon asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda with the addition of Security. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the amended agenda as stated. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes- Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

LMIG- Weeks explained that he had talked with Tim Simpson about our LMIG funds being used for paving roads. Weeks went to the worst roads and did measurements and sent them to Simpson. After Weeks did the measurements, he received a call from the Corp of Engineers about some repairs that need to be done on the bridge at River Bluff park. Weeks wants to hold off on using our LMIG funds until he finds out what it is going to take to fix the repairs and whose responsibility it is to make these repairs because we lease the park from them. Weeks is waiting on a report from the Corps of Engineers before making any decisions. Vice Chairman Blackmon wants County Attorney Tracy Cary to go through the agreement that we have on River Bluff park to see what the County has authority over and what our responsibilities are.

RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT- Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that at the December 14, 2021 regular Commission meeting a motion was made to appoint Kim Keisha Rivers to the Recreation Board. That board has been operating with 7 members but is only required to have 5. Vice Chairman stated that the Commission board needs to rescind the motion to appoint Ms. Rivers because it was done in error. **Motion made by Hayes to rescind the motion that was made at the December 14, 2021 commission meeting to appoint Kim Keisha Rivers to the Recreation board. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon. Mrs. Mary Hayes was appointed to be the successor for Kathy Hayes, and she will serve out that term. Chris Bland resigned from the Recreation board. Royzell Wilson and Gloria Johnson were reappointed at the December 14, 2021 commission meeting. The current members

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of the Recreation board are as listed Royzell Wilson, Gloria Johnson, Jimmy Eleby, Mary Hayes, and Walter Fuller.

HIRING FREEZE- Vice Chairman Blackmon explained that he made a suggestion to make a hiring freeze for only new employees. Weeks stated that this would mean we would only hire for budgeted positions. We would not hire any new person that has not already been budgeted for. Vice Chairman Blackmon agreed with Weeks. **Motion made by Kinsey to place a hiring freeze as of January 1, 2022 on any new hires. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

R19-2021 TAX ASSESSOR BOARD APPOINTMENT JOHN PRITCHETT- Vice Chairman Blackmon went over Resolution R19-2021 Tax Assessor board appointment for John Pritchett. **Motion made by Hayes to approve Resolution R19-2021 Tax Assessor board appointment for John Pritchett. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

SECURITY- Commissioner Kinsey explained that he wanted to add this to the agenda because he was concerned about some paperwork that was left in the board room. He stated that he thinks some paperwork was left in the board room that had information on it about Forester Pontoons. Someone seen this information and started spreading rumors and drawing conclusions that the County was giving land to this company and even went to the newspaper editor with false information. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Blackmon would like for Weeks to check with County Attorney Cary and ACCG for guidance on this. County Clerk Wilson and County Manager Weeks will make sure no paperwork is left in the board room.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

_____ not present
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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