

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 14, 2024

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
AGENDA AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS
PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS
APPROVAL OF BILLS
MINUTES

(Time allocated 10 minutes total)
Check Registers
MARCH 2024
Regular meeting minutes February 13, 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

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Water & Sewer Authority Board member appointment
Health Board member appointment
Planning & Zoning Board member appointment
2023.2024-01 Budget Amendment Exhibit A
Surplus Vehicles and Equipment
Ordinance O2-2024 Occupational Tax License amendment 1st Reading

EXECUTIVE SESSION
APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

MARCH 14, 2024 Board Meeting

GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:34 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 accept the agenda as presented. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Chairman Lewis asked for any comments from the public at this time. There were no comments from the public.

PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

January 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.

January 17, 2024 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Blackmon to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

January 29, 2024 Called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Blackmon. (Kinsey was not present at the January 29, 2024 called meeting.)

MANAGER'S REPORT- Chairman Lewis asked County Manager Weeks for his report. Weeks stated that the EMS report for January was total calls 39, 26 transports, 8 refusals, and 5 cancelations with an average response time of 11 minutes. We performed mutual aid 12 times to Randolph and Clay County. We received mutual aid 4 times. 3 calls were performed by Randolph county and 1 call was performed by Clay county.

RIVER BLUFF PARK BRIDGE REPAIR- Weeks stated that the engineer Chad Griffin has received our second set of repair plans with the changes that Corp. of Engineers requested. Weeks said he should have those plans tomorrow and then will be able to set up a zoom meeting with the Corp. of Engineers to find out if these revised set of plans will be approved.

2024 LMIG PROJECTS- Weeks informed everyone that if we can get the ads in the paper in time our bid opening will be on March 7, 2024. Weeks stated that once the bids are received that is when the decision will be made on which projects can be done.

GDOT-Weeks updated everyone on the Lower Lumpkin Road paving project. Weeks stated that he spoke to William Easton with GDOT and he told Weeks that there are enough funds to be able to widen the road from US Hwy 82 to Hill Place Rd. The entire road will be resurfaced.

Tax Commissioner Report-

Probate Report- Probate Judge Matthew Self was present at the meeting. Judge Self stated that advanced voting for the Presidential preference will begin February 19, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The dates for Saturday voting are February 24, 2024 and March 2, 2024. Qualifying for local elections is March 4th – 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. Qualifying fees are posted in the Probate office and on the website.

SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-

SHERIFF REPORT-

FAMILY CONNECTIONS- Family Connections coordinator Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs gave a brief update at the meeting. Ms. Crumbs stated that she is working on two grants: Dollar General Family Literacy Grant and the Deal Center Community Initiative Grant. Ms. Crumbs also stated that there are a couple of events coming up that she is involved in. On March 19, 2024 Women's Month Celebration at the Quitman County Library at 11:00 a.m. There will be a guest speaker at this event. On March 27, 2024 there will be a Dementia program with Area Agency on Aging at 10:00 a.m. at the Quitman County Library and on May 4, 2024 she is having an Ice Cream social for Literacy and Family Engagement from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 pm. at the Community Center in Georgetown-Quitman County. Chairman Lewis thanked Ms. Crumbs for her update.

4-H COORDINATOR REPORT- Mrs. Cassie Young was present to give a brief update to everyone on 4-H. Mrs. Young stated they have had two of the first safety meetings and they went really well. The strawberry fundraiser will end on February 20, 2024. Mrs. Young said she is trying to get a horse club started. This would be to learn how to take care of horses and facts about horses. She is trying to see if there are enough kids interested. She also stated that the kids are getting ready to go to 4-H camp in Jekyll Island. The cost is \$415.00 and they are going to have several fundraisers to help cover the cost for each child. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Young for her update on 4-H.

Library- Librarian Mrs. Betty Fair was present at the meeting and gave an update on things happening at the Library. Mrs. Fair stated that they have bingo the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the library and everyone is welcome. She also explained that she has been awarded the Weyerhaeuser Grant in the amount of \$5000.00 to purchase books for the library. She wanted to let everyone know that they have issued a lot of new library cards since they moved into the new library and it is continuously growing. Mrs. Fair encourages everyone to come to the library and be a part of all the things that are going on. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Fair for her update.

Fire Dept. Report-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE O1-2024 EMERGENCY SERVICE ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT 2nd

READING-Chairman Lewis read Ordinance O1-2024 Emergency Service Assessment amendment. Chairman Lewis stated this is the 2nd reading. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve Ordinance O1-2024 Emergency Service Assessment amendment. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes—Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

NEW BUSINESS-

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis stated that Mrs. O’Shaughnessy Massey is willing to continue to serve on the Health Board. **Motion made by Kinsey to reappoint Mrs. O’Shaughnessy Massey to the Health board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

Chairman Lewis informed all the Commissioners that they will need to appoint someone to the Health Board and the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Mr. Richard Pitts submitted a letter of recognition on both boards due to the fact that he is moving out of the County.

GEFA LOAN-DWLSL2022092-Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the GEFA loan for everyone. Weeks stated that the Federal Government is requiring all public and private water systems to conduct a lead service line survey. Any properties that have lead service lines will have to be replaced with PVC or poly and this is going to be very costly. This loan is to help offset that cost. Mr. Chad Griffin with Stillwater Engineering has some other funds available to help with this project that he will be going after because this GEFA loan is not enough to cover all the cost. **Motion made by Bussey to approve GEFA loan DWLSL2022092. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

R3-2024 SAFETY COORDINATOR RESOLUTION- Chairman Lewis read over R3-2024 Safety Coordinator resolution. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve R3-2024 Safety Coordinator resolution. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

R4-2024 VOLUNTEERS & ELECTED OFFICIALS WORK COMP. RESOLUTION-

Chairman Lewis read over R4-2024 Volunteers and Elected officials work comp. resolution. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve R4-2024 Volunteers and Elected officials work comp. resolution. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

APPEARANCES – Jim Livingston with River Valley Regional Commission was present at the meeting to give an update on the work they have been doing in the region. Mr. Livingston explained to everyone that there are 3 major programs that they offer. Those programs are Area Agency on Aging, TIA program (Transportation Investment act), and WIOA (Workforce Innovations Opportunities act). Mr. Livingston gave a brief outline of each program and an update. The Mission of the River Valley Regional Commission is to create, promote, and foster orderly growth and economic prosperity for our region. Their Vision is a region where current and future generations succeed at home, at work, and in their communities. Chairman Lewis thanked Mr. Livingston for coming and also for the hard work that is being done by River Valley Regional Commission.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 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