

AGENDA  
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

**6:30 p.m.**

**APPOINT-EMA DIRECTOR**

(Time allocated 10 minutes total)

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Public hearing meeting minutes August 13, 2024

Regular meeting minutes August 13, 2024

Public hearing. meeting minutes August 15, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)

Public hearing meeting minutes August 15, 2024 (6:00 p.m.)

Public hearing meeting minutes August 22, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)

Called meeting minutes August 22, 2024 (9:30 a.m.)

MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS

ELECTED OFFICIALS: TAX COMMISSIONER, PROBATE,  
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK, SHERIFF, FAMILY  
CONNECTIONS, LIBRARY, FIRE, EMA DIRECTOR, 4-H  
Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PREVIOUS MONTH BILLS**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**MINUTES**

**REPORTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

DBHDD Region 6 Board member appointment

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

Ordinance O5-2024 amendment to Alcohol Beverage Ordinance-  
1<sup>st</sup> reading

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

DFCS Board re-appointment-Cynthia Norris

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

Mobile home variance-Jason Hall

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

Mobile home variance-Gabrielle Bussey

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

Trunk or Treat date

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

Resolution R14-2024-use of the county landfill transfer station

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

2024 ACCG Fall Regional meetings

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

October 8, 2024 Regular Commission meeting date change

**\*ACTION ITEM\***

**APPOINT EMA DIRECTOR**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**If needed**

- Personnel
- Real Estate
- Litigation

Doug Redding Ranger 2-Georgia Forestry Annual Report

**APPEARANCES**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

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**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The public hearing was called to order by Vice Chairman Blackmon at 6:00 p.m. followed with a prayer. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. Financial Officer Teri Odom, County Manager Weeks, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

**PUBLIC HEARING-**Vice Chairman Blackmon opened the public hearing for questions and comments for the Beer, Wine, and Distilled spirits application for Matrix Global Professional Inc. After hearing a few questions and comments, Vice Chairman Blackmon closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**  
**APPEARANCES –**  
**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 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

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

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, County Clerk Carolyn Wilson and Financial officer Teri Odom.

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

**4-H COORDINATOR PRESENTATION-** Chairman Lewis asked Mrs. Young to come forward with her presentation. Mrs. Young was present at the meeting and wanted to present her slide show to everyone of all the activities that the kids did in camp over the summer. Mrs. Young also thanked the Commissioners, the parents, and the School for all of their support and in helping make this camp possible for all the kids.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Chairman Lewis asked for any comments from the public at this time. One member of the audience wanted to know why the Dollar General was closed. Chairman Lewis stated that they are having an electrical issue and waiting for an approved electrician to make the repairs.

**PREVIOUS MONTH CHECK REGISTER**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**MINUTES**

**July 9, 2024 Regular meeting minutes-****Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

**August 2, 2024 Called meeting minutes-**Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that the minutes from this meeting need to have more detail added. Vice Chairman Blackmon asked that the following be added to the minutes *“During the August 2, 2024 Called meeting there were options discussed to increase revenue to offset having to increase the millage and if those options came to fruition that the Commission would take the rollback next year”*. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Called meeting minutes with the addition of *“During the August 2, 2024 Called meeting there were options discussed to increase revenue to offset having to increase the millage and if those options came to fruition that the Commission would take the rollback next year”*.** **Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

**MANAGER'S REPORT-** Chairman Lewis asked County Manager Weeks for his report. Weeks stated that he received the EMS reports for June and July. The report for June is as follows: total calls 36, 25 transports, 7 refusals, and 4 cancellations. Average response time was 7 minutes. We provided mutual aid 9 times and did not receive any mutual aid. The report for July is as follows: total calls 27, 12 transports, 11 refusals, and 4 cancellations. The average response time was 11 minutes. We provided mutual aid 1 time and received mutual aid 1 time.

**FY 2024 LMIG PROJECTS-**Weeks stated that the 2024 road projects have begun. They started in Winding Way and have completed 3 roads in there. They have also started on High street. They are milling High street and Weeks said that we are going to use the milling on some of the driveways in Winding Way because after the paving it has created drop offs in the driveways. One of the projects in Winding Way is to replace the guard rails on the dam and the company that is doing the project was going to throw them away. Weeks asked if we could take them up so that we can use them in other areas of the County.

**RIVER BLUFF PARK-** Weeks explained that he has had several things being repaired at River Bluff park. The walk way to the dock was slippery from algae and mildew and several rotten boards needed replacing. All of these issues have been taken care of.

**BONA PARTES PAVING-** Weeks stated that Woffard paving is supposed to start on Thursday August 15, 2024 paving Bona Partes Retreat Rd. The engineer Tim Simpson has put some pressure on them to get started on this project.

### **Tax Commissioner Report-**

**Probate Report-** Probate Judge Matthew Self was present at the meeting and wanted to remind everyone that advance voting starts October 15, 2024 and goes to November 1, 2024. Judge Self also stated that you may request an absentee ballot starting August 19, 2024.

### **SUPERIOR CLERK OF COURT-**

#### **SHERIFF REPORT-**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS-** Ms. Sara Lee Crumbs was present at the meeting and gave a brief update. Ms. Crumbs stated that Thursday August 15, 2024 is the senior farmer's market. Ms. Crumbs wanted to let everyone know about the upcoming Dementia workshop that will be held on August 20, 2024 and August 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quitman County library. She has a youth development strategy for the collaborative meeting coming up on September 26, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Community center. Ms. Crumbs went onto say that Ms. Leslie Culver took a group of students to Wild Adventures in Valdosta, Ga. with grant funds. This trip was for students that are AR readers, were a part of the summer reading program, and are young entrepreneurs. Chairman Lewis thanked Ms. Crumbs for her report.

**4-H COORDINATOR REPORT-** Ms. Young gave a brief update on upcoming projects with 4-H. She stated that she will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade science several times this year. She also stated that she will be working with 4<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders on the school garden after school. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Young for her report and her presentation.

**Library-** Mrs. Betty Fair was present at the meeting and wanted to thank the Commissioners for their support. She also wanted to let everyone know that their sign has been installed and she is very excited to have it. Anything they have going on at the library will be posted on the sign.

**Fire Dept. Report-**

**EMA REPORT-**

**CHAIRMAN REPORT-**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT-** Chairman Lewis stated that Mrs. Amy Self has resigned from the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Commissioner Kinsey recommended Mr. Malcolm Driggers and Mr. Michael Causey for the appointments on the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Chairman Lewis stated that we only need to make 1 appointment at this time and the other appointment in December. **Motion made by Kinsey to appoint Malcolm Driggers to the Water & Sewer Authority Board to complete Mrs. Amy Self's term. Second by Blackmon.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

**BEER, WINE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS LICENSE FOR MATRIX GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL INC.-** Chairman Lewis asked everyone to review the application for the Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits license. After some discussion about the owner and lessee on the application, it was decided that this application would be approved based on the correction being made on the application. **Motion made by Blackmon to approve the Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits application for Matrix Global Professional Inc. with the correction on the application for the owner's name and lessee name. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

**DBHDD REGION 6 BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT-** Chairman Lewis went over all the details on the DBHDD Region 6 Board and what is required to be a board member. It was agreed that everyone will be looking for someone to serve on this board.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT 2024.2025-01 EXHIBIT A-**Chairman Lewis read over the budget amendment for the Recreation dept. Financial officer Odom stated that this was carryover that was not used from the previous budget. **Motion made by Bussey to approve budget amendment 2024.2025-01 exhibit A. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, Hayes, and Blackmon.

Vice Chairman Blackmon wanted to thank the Commission office staff for their actions while he was in the office with a medical emergency.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES -**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2024  
9:00 a.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:09 a.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Weeks, County Clerk Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING-** Chairman Lewis opened the public hearing for the millage rate. Chairman Lewis stated that this Board of Commissioners has been trying to control spending for the last several years and cut cost but unfortunately, they have not been able to keep up with inflation. Chairman Lewis went onto to explain that the County budget consist of all the constitutional officers, along with all the departments, and elections. There were several citizens present asking questions about the millage increase, expressing their concerns and offering suggestions. The Board of Commissioners answered everyone’s questions and discussed each concern. Chairman Lewis wanted to make sure that everyone knows that he along with the other Commissioners feel there are several opportunities that will be coming to Georgetown-Quitman County which will increase revenue and if those things do come, they will consider taking the rollback next year. Vice Chairman Blackmon also stated that one of the biggest challenges that this board and any future board of commissioners is facing is population loss. He is very hopeful that we will soon have a boat manufacture company, R.V. park, and grocery store in the near future. Vice Chairman Blackmon went onto say things may look down right now but the future looks bright for Georgetown-Quitman County. Chairman Lewis thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone of the next public hearing that is today at 6:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 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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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 6:05 p.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Blackmon, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Weeks, and County Clerk Wilson. (Financial officer Teri Odom was not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING-** Chairman Lewis opened the public hearing with a brief explanation on the millage rate increase. Several citizens were present asking questions and expressing their concerns. Chairman Lewis reiterated to everyone that there are several opportunities that he feels along with the other Commissioners that will be coming to Georgetown-Quitman County which will increase revenue and if those things do come, they will consider taking the rollback next year. Vice Chairman Blackmon stated that he is very hopeful that we will soon have a boat manufacture company, R.V. park, and grocery store in the near future. Chairman Lewis thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone of the next public hearing on Thursday August 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and the adoption of the millage rate at 9:30 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

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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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2024  
9:00 a.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:09 a.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, and Bussey. County Manager Weeks, County Clerk Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Commissioners Blackmon and Kinsey were not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING-** Chairman Lewis opened the public hearing for public questions and comments. A few questions were asked and answered. Chairman Lewis closed the public hearing at 9:30 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

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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



**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2024  
9:30 a.m.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:30 a.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, and Bussey. County Manager Weeks, County Clerk Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Commissioners Blackmon and Kinsey were not present.)

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS-**

**RESOLUTION R13-2024 MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION-**Chairman Lewis read over Resolution R13-2024 for the millage rate for FY 2024. Chairman Lewis stated the County wide mills is 17.2700 mills, County wide school is 13.8300 mills, and the school bond rate is 1.9650 mills. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Resolution R13-2024 millage rate for FY 2024. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Hayes, and Lewis. Chairman Lewis voted due to only having 3 Commissioners present to vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**APPEARANCES –**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:54 a.m.

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Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

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Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

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Jim Hayes, Commissioner

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Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager