

AGENDA
GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 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
OCTOBER 2024
Regular meeting minutes September 10, 2024
Called meeting minutes September 19, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)
Called meeting minutes October 4, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)
MANAGER'S REPORT / EMS

REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM
ACTION ITEM

DBHDD Region 6 Board member appointment
Ordinance Q5-2024 amendment to Alcohol Beverage Ordinance-
2nd reading

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM
ACTION ITEM

GEFA Intergovernmental agreement- EECBG
Ordinance Q6-2024 amendment to Charter Chapter 2 article 3
1st reading

ACTION ITEM
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Resolution R15-2024 Election Board
Kids Christmas, Employee Christmas dinner, and Board member
Christmas reception dates

ACTION ITEM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

If needed

- Personnel
- Real Estate
- Litigation

APPEARANCES

MEETING ADJOURN

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GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Hayes, Kinsey and Bussey. County Manager Jason Weeks, and County Clerk Carolyn Wilson.(Commissioner Blackmon was not present at the meeting).

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, and Hayes.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

August 13, 2024 public hearing minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the public hearing meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

August 13, 2024 Regular meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the Regular meeting minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

August 15, 2024 public hearing minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the public hearing minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

August 15, 2024 public hearing minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the public hearing minutes. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

August 22, 2024 public hearing minutes-**Motion made by Kinsey to approve the public hearing minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

August 22, 2024 called meeting minutes-**Motion made by Bussey to approve the called meeting minutes. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

MANAGER'S REPORT- Chairman Lewis asked County Manager Weeks for his report. Weeks stated that he received the EMS reports for August. Total calls 29, 16 transports, 10 refusals, and 3 cancellations. Average response time was 11 minutes. We provided mutual aid 2 times and did not receive any mutual aid.

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FY 2024 LMIG PROJECTS-Weeks stated that the 2024 road projects have all been completed except for the project in Winding Way to replace the guard rails on the dam. Weeks stated that they started working on this project today.

GARBAGE TRUCK-Weeks stated that the new garbage truck has been ordered and will be delivered next week. Once that truck is in service, the older 2 trucks will be declared surplus and sold.

RIVER BLUFF PARK- Weeks explained that the new hand rails have been added to the walkway and dock because the other ones were broken and unsafe. The park had to be closed for one day to be able to complete. Weeks feels like things should be good for a while at River Bluff.

ACCG SAFETY GRANT- Weeks explained that we received the Safety grant from ACCG for the fifth year in a row. This grant helps us purchase safety equipment and we do not have to spend county funds on these items. The grant was for \$1250.00 dollars. Weeks asked the Commissioners to set up a work session. The work session is set for September 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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 update. Ms. Crumbs stated that September 23, 2024 is the next senior farmer's market. 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. Chairman Lewis thanked Ms. Crumbs for her report.

4-H COORDINATOR REPORT- Mrs. Young was present and gave a brief update on 4-H. She stated that she is at the school teaching 4th and 5th grade science. She will start fund raising soon to help raise money for the kids to go to camp. Mrs. Young also stated that if anyone has any type of work that the kids could do for community service projects to please let her know. This is something that she would like the kids to get involved in doing. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Young for her update.

Library-

Fire Dept. Report-

EMA REPORT-

CHAIRMAN REPORT-

OLD BUSINESS

DBHDD REGION 6 BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis read over the information on the DBHDD board appointment. The Commissioners all stated they are looking for someone willing to serve on this board.

NEW BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE O5-2024 AMEMDMT TO ALCOHOL BEVERAGE ORDINANCE 1ST

READING-Chairman Lewis read Ordinance O5-2024 amendment to Alcohol Beverage ordinance. He stated that this is the 1st reading. We will have the 2nd reading at the October 14, 2024 meeting.

DFCS BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT CYNTHIA NORRIS-Chairman Lewis stated that Mrs. Cynthia Norris has agreed to continue to serve on the DFCS board. **Motion made by Kinsey to re-appoint Mrs. Cynthis Norris to the DFCS board. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

MOBILE HOME VARIANCE JASON HALL-Chairman Lewis read over the variance for Jason Hall. County Manager Weeks explained that this is a variance because the mobile home does not meet our 900 sq. foot minimum on mobile homes. Commissioner Kinsey asked that this be tabled until the work session.

MOBILE HOME VARIANCE GABRIELLE BUSSEY-Chairman Lewis read over the variance for Gabrielle Bussey. All the Commissioners agreed that they wanted to table this for the work session.

TRUNK OR TREAT DATE-Chairman Lewis stated that Ft. Gaines is having their trunk or treat on Halloween Thursday October 31, 2024. Trunk or Treat is set for Wednesday October 30, 2024 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION R14-2024 USE OF THE COUNTY LANDFILL TRANSFER STATION-Chairman Lewis asked County Manager Weeks to go over this resolution. Weeks stated that this is a resolution for adding the fee for the use of the county landfill. Chairman Lewis read the resolution aloud for everyone. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Resolution R14-2024 use of the County Landfill transfer station. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

2024 ACCG FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS-Chairman Lewis went over the meeting date and time for our area. Chairman Lewis asked all the Commissioners to look at their calendars to see if they will be able to attend. Chairman Lewis asked for them to let him know at the work session.

OCTOBER 8, 2024 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DATE CHANGE- Chairman Lewis stated he will be out of town on October 8, 2024 for the legislative conference with ACCG in Atlanta. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have the October regular commission meeting on October 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Chairman Lewis stated nothing was discussed in executive session that required a vote

APPEARANCES – Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Doug Redding to come forward for his presentation on the GA. Forestry annual report. Mr. Redding introduced himself to everyone and went on to give the annual report and updates from GA. Forestry for the year 2023. Mr. Redding gave each Commissioner a handout with the information concerning Georgetown-Quitman County. Chairman Lewis thanked Mr. Redding for coming and going over the report with them.

APPOINT EMA DIRECTOR-Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Matt Self as the EMA Director. **Motion made by Bussey to appoint Matt Self as the EMA Director. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes,

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Mike Thomas to the Water & Sewer Authority Board to finish Mr. Jerry Greens term. **Motion made by Bussey to appoint Mike Thomas to the Water & Sewer Authority Board to finish Jerry Greens term. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Hayes.

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 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

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:10 a.m. followed with a prayer and the pledge. Members present were Commissioners: Lewis, Hayes, Kinsey, and Bussey. County Manager Weeks, County Clerk Wilson, and Financial Officer Teri Odom. (Commissioner Blackmon was not present.)

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

RESOLUTION R14-2024 USE OF COUNTY LANDFILL TRANSFER STATION-

Chairman Lewis asked Weeks to go over the Resolution for the use of the County landfill. Weeks stated that this resolution had some errors in it that were read aloud at the regular commission meeting about what is accepted at the landfill. Chairman Lewis read the corrections in Resolution R14-2024 use of the County Landfill transfer station for everyone. **Motion made by Bussey to approve Resolution R14-2024 use of County landfill transfer station. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey and Kinsey.

ORDINANCE O5-2024 AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOL BEV. ORDINANCE 1ST

READING- Chairman Lewis stated that this Ordinance did not meet the advertising deadline and the date of the meeting in the ad had to be changed because the date of the Regular meeting for October was changed. Chairman Lewis read Ordinance O5-2024 amendment to Alcohol Bev. Ordinance. Chairman Lewis stated this is the 1st reading.

WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT-MIKE

THOMAS- Chairman Lewis stated that Mr. Mike Thomas is willing to serve on the Water, Sewer, and Solid waste board because Mr. Jerry Green asked to resign to allow someone else to come on since he will be stepping down due to becoming a Commissioner as of January 1, 2025. **Motion made by Bussey to appoint Mr. Mike Thomas to the Water, Sewer, and solid waste board to finish out Mr. Jerry Greens term. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey and Kinsey.

MOBILE HOME VARIANCE-JASON HALL-

Chairman Lewis opened the discussion on the mobile home variances. Commissioner Kinsey stated that his thoughts are that we need to fix the Ordinance to reflect what we will allow on mobile home sizes so that these size variances don't keep coming before them. County Manager Weeks explained that he feels like we do need to visit the square footage on mobile homes. In the ordinance it states a minimum of 900 sq foot. on any mobile home. Weeks suggested that the square footage on mobile homes be taken out completely. Chairman Lewis asked that we look to see what the surrounding counties have in their ordinance about mobile home square footage. After a brief discussion, a **motion was made by Bussey that no more mobile home variances for square footage will be approved until the square footage in the Ordinance is looked at and updated. Second by Kinsey.** Voting Yes-Bussey and Kinsey. Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the mobile home variance for Jason Hall with the conditions stated by Planning and Zoning. **Motion made by**

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Bussey to approve the mobile home variance for Jason Hall with the conditions stated by Planning and Zoning. Second by Kinsey. Voting Yes-Bussey and Kinsey.

MOBILE HOME VARIANCE-GABRIELLE BUSSEY-Chairman Lewis asked for a motion to approve the mobile home variance for Gabrielle Bussey as recommended by Planning and Zoning board. **Motion made by Kinsey to approve the mobile home variance for Gabrielle Bussey as recommended by Planning and Zoning. Second by Bussey. Voting Yes-Bussey and Kinsey.**

Commissioner Hayes arrived at 9:53 a.m.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS-Chairman Lewis read over SB 212 that the Governor signed. Chairman Lewis explained this bill amends the Chapter 9 of Title 15 in the Georgia Code to eliminate the power of probate courts to perform election duties. It also removes the statutory monthly salary supplement of \$385.90 for probate judges that handle such duties. The bill then amends Title 21-the Election Code-to remove probate judges as an eligible election superintendent. Per the new law, the Board of Commissioners must create either a board of elections or a combined board of elections and registration (if the board will additionally assume the duties of registrar) by December 15, 2024. The board will assume all duties of election superintendent beginning January 1, 2025. The new statute requires a three (3) member board; however, the BOC may expand the board via ordinance to consist of five (5) members. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kinsey asked if he could have some more time to read this SB 212 and table it for a work session. County Manager Weeks explained that he will need to get as much information as quick as possible to our County Attorney to get this drawn up. Chairman Lewis asked everyone to look at their calendar to set up a work session. The work session is set for October 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. County Clerk Wilson asked a question about if the Election Superintendent is not available who would step in. Chairman Lewis stated that one of the board members would fill that role if needed.

Commissioner Hayes asked Weeks if he would check with the County Attorney about the legality of an election board member having an election sign in their yard.

Ms. Joyce Jones wanted to share with everyone that they are holding 3 different voter registration drives. The first one will be Saturday September 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 100 Scenic Drive in Winding Way. The Second one will be held Saturday September 28, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Quitman County Library on Kaigler Rd. and the last one will be on Saturday October 5, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Marathon Gas station on Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:54 a.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager

**GEORGETOWN-QUITMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

CALLLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 9:15 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- Chairman Lewis asked to amend the agenda to add compensation for all boards. **Motion made by Kinsey to amend the agenda to add compensation for all boards. Second by Hayes.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Blackmon, Hayes, and Kinsey.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS-Chairman Lewis opened the discussion on the election board. Several questions were asked and answered. County Manager Weeks stated that he needs to know how many will be on the Election board either 3- or 5-members, how will the members be appointed such as by application, what the compensation is for the board members, and any other requirements that the Commission wants to put in place. Weeks explained that he needs this information for the County attorney to be able to amend the Charter by way of an Ordinance and draw up a Resolution for this Election Board. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Election board will be a 3-member, non- partisan board. No application required. The appointed Election board members will be made by the Commission board and will be compensated in the amount of \$100.00 per regular meeting and \$50.00 per called meeting. The Election board members will have a 2-year minimum residency requirement of Georgetown-Quitman County, and be a registered voter of Georgetown-Quitman County. **Motion made by Kinsey that the Election board will be a 3-member, non- partisan board. No application required. The appointed Election board members will be made by the Commission board and will be compensated in the amount of \$100.00 per regular meeting and \$50.00 per called meeting. The Election board members will have a 2-year minimum residency requirement of Georgetown-Quitman County, and be a registered voter of Georgetown-Quitman County. Second by Bussey.** Voting Yes-Bussey, Kinsey, and Blackmon. Voting No-Hayes.

Chairman Lewis asked everyone for the nominations for the Election Board. After hearing several names, it was decided to appoint Mr. Art Neville, Ms. Alma Willis, and Ms. Joyce Jones. Weeks stated that he will get all this information to the attorney to get everything drawn up for the next Commission meeting.

COMPENSATION FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS- Chairman Lewis asked what the current pay is for each board. After some discussion, it was agreed that this needs to be in the budget discussion for next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
APPEARANCES –

MEETING ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.

Carvel Lewis, Chairman

Danny Blackmon, Vice Chairman

Willie H. Bussey, Jr., Commissioner

David Kinsey, Commissioner

Jim Hayes, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Weeks, County Manager