

## MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JANUARY 28, 2015

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from January 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Stanley Hill, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Mark Yarbrough, Chairman presided.

Bill Giguere, Development Officer, Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama invited the Commission to the ground breaking ceremony for a new housing facility for clients of the Mental Health Center On Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. He said, "In 2008 the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama embarked on a bold project to create a sustainable housing facility for adults struggling with debilitating mental illness. It is with great excitement that we are prepared to begin construction on a new, nine bedroom facility right next to our outpatient counseling facility in Athens. This project is only possible because of the efforts and collaborations by a great number of people and organizations." He thanked the Commission, once again, for its contribution of \$15,000.00.

Chairman Yarbrough stated that he and Steve Turner attended the TARCOG meeting last night. He said that a report of the final numbers of the 2014 Medicare Open Enrollment Period was given and Limestone County had a savings of \$239,912.81 for its elderly clients. He thanked Emily Sandlin, Jennifer Reece and Lauri King at the Limestone County Council on Aging for an outstanding job.

County Engineer Richard Sanders introduced Jordon Lewis from Elkmont High School. He said that Jordan is participating in the internship-shadowing program. Richard updated the Commissioners on the cold mix that was bid March 2014.

Commissioner Stanley Hill stated they were still dealing with pot-holes and washed out problems. He stated he appreciates the patience of the citizens of District 1.

Commissioner Steve Turner gave an update on the East Limestone Senior Center renovations. He passed out a brochure from TARCOG for small businesses of 100 people or less.

Commissioner Jason Black discussed Sugar Way Road that is located in District 4. He said his district would be willing to assist in anyway legal.

Commissioner Ben Harrison further discussed Sugar Way Road and announced that Richard Sanders would be preparing a cost analysis of what it would take to bring the road up to standards. He said, "Whatever we do, we have to be fair to the taxpayers." He announced that the contractor is working on Morris Road and they have been taking millings from the project to finish out Baker Hill.

Updating the subdivision regulations were discussed by all the Commissioners.

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Chairman Yarbrough welcomed Jordan and praised Commissioners Turner and Black along with Velvet Black from the Career Center for getting the internship-shadowing program implemented.

Items were discussed for the February 2, 2015 agenda.

Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.