

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JANUARY 30, 2013

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from January 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

George Hill, 910 North Jefferson Street, requested the Commission to reconsider building the Limestone County Community Corrections in a residential area.

Richard Nagel, 20158 Sandlin Road, addressed the Commission about a noise ordinance regarding barking dogs.

Parks & Recreational Director, Mike Nave, proposed to begin phase 1 for establishing a campground at Lucy's Branch by adding infrastructure not to exceed 24 rental sites on land leased to the County by Tennessee Valley Authority. He stated the project will cost approximately \$75,000.00. He explained that the County is already maintaining it and there's a boat launch and floating pier already there. He said by adding another campsite in addition to the Cowford Campground creates an economic impact for the County, in terms of attracting tourists and generating sales tax revenue. He said Lucy's Branch has 35 beautiful acres and Cowford has 50 acres.

Commissioner Ben Harrison said he would like more information on counties operating campgrounds. He said he had reviewed last year's budget for the operation of the Cowford Campgrounds and there's a difference of \$80,000 between revenue and expenses. He said he would like to see a plan on how to bring revenue and expenses together. He thinks the private sector can do things much more efficiently than the government.

Commissioner Harrison suggested that District 4 Mechanic, Ronald Rouse, be available to all the districts at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Present: Gary Daly, Steve Turner, James W. "Bill" Latimer, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Stanley Menefee, Chairman presided.

Items were discussed for the February 4, 2013 Agenda.

Adjourned at 10:26 a.m.