

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The Limestone County Commission met in a regular meeting today, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the minutes of January 20, 26 & 28, 2015.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Steve Turner, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following claims

1/16/15	Check # 31698 – 31773	\$1,146,107.56
1/23/15	Check # 31774 – 31834	\$ 258,772.00
1/30/15	Check # 31835 – 31935	<u>\$1,433,941.73</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,838,881.29

with detailed claims of the above being on file for review upon request to the County Administrator.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Stanley Hill, aye; Jason Black, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Steve Turner to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution.

Limestone COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, Act 2014-433 requires that, at its first regular meeting in February 2015, the Limestone County Commission shall levy the general and special ad valorem taxes for the county for the tax year which began on October 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy established by the Limestone County Commission shall include the rate or rates at which the taxes shall be assessed and collected and the purpose or purposes for each tax levied; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 2014-433, the general and special ad valorem tax levies, rates, and purposes established at the first regular meeting in February 2015 shall remain in place in all subsequent tax years until and unless altered by the Limestone County Commission pursuant to a change in tax rate by general law.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and ordered by the Limestone County Commission that the following taxes are hereby levied at the rate or rates and for the purpose or purposes set out below, and shall be assessed and collected for the tax year beginning October 1, 2014; and for each subsequent tax year until and unless altered by the county commission pursuant to a change in tax rate by general law;

General	7 mills
Public Building	3.5 mills
Schools	5.5 mills
Special School Districts 1 & 3	3 mills
Amendment 778 - Additional Levy Req.	1.5 mills
Hospital	3 mills
TOTAL MILLS:	23.5 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and ordered by the Limestone County Commission that it does hereby certify this tax levy to the county tax assessing official by copy of this resolution, which levy includes the rate or rates of taxation and the purpose or purposes for which each tax is levied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and ordered by the Limestone County Commission that, pursuant to Act 2014-433, this certification shall remain in full force and effect until and unless altered by the Limestone County Commission pursuant to a change in tax rate by general law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Limestone County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on this the 2nd day of February, 2015.

Mark Yarbrough, Chairman
Limestone County Commission

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Steve Turner, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Jason Black, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve a lease for one 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN # 1GNLC2EC7FR266209) for the Sheriff's Department, annual rent of \$1.00.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; Jason Black, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded Stanley Hill to Suspend the Rules to and an emergency purchase to the agenda. The Administrator called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Jason Black, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

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MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve an emergency purchase of eight-tons of plant mix from Reed Contracting Service, Inc. to repair Coffman Road in District 4 due to a collapsed pipe.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harrison stated he was made aware of the worsening condition of Coffman Road from Timothy Hice via Facebook. The roadway dipped approximately 6" over the pipe. He said he contacted the two suppliers on the bid list, Wiregrass Construction and Keenum Excavation & Construction, and neither company was running plant mix. He contacted Reed Contracting that doesn't have the bid and they were running hot mix.

County Attorney Mark Maclin answered questions from the Commission. He explained the procedures of emergency purchases and the bid law.

County Engineer Richard Sanders discussed the existing bid for plant mix.

Commissioner Black stated he wants to make sure the county follows the law and the purchase is legal. He stated that after conversation with Commissioner Harrison, he was concerned if he voted on this matter it would be an ethics violation.

Commissioner Turner suggested consulting the county engineer, in the future, to determine if emergency action is necessary.

Commissioner Hill stated, as soon as they are aware of a situation, they are supposed to take care of it right then. He asked the county attorney what is public convenience, as stated in the bid law. Mark Maclin discussed public convenience and gave examples.

Chairman Yarbrough felt the purchase had not followed proper procedures as set out for an emergency purchase.

The Administrator called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; Steve Turner, nay; Jason Black, nay; and Chairman Mark Yarbrough, nay. Motion fails.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to reappoint James D. Moffatt to the Limestone County Water & Sewer Authority Board, for a six year term ending February 28, 2021.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harrison expressed his opinions and concerns about the Limestone County Water Authority and reappointing the same board members.

Commissioner Turner stated the appointment is to be made from District 2 and stands by his recommendation and further stated that Jim Moffat was the 2014 Citizen of the Year.

The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Ben Harrison, nay. Motion carries.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to reappoint John Farrar to the Limestone County Water & Sewer Authority Board, for a six year term ending February 28, 2021.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harrison suggested reviewing all applicants for board appointments or at least getting a resume from potential candidates.

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Commissioner Black said the appointments should be the choice of the appointing official.

The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Ben Harrison, nay. Motion carries.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded To	Amount
2514	Printing – License Commission Tag mail notices & envelopes	IMS Enterprises	\$ 19,740.00
2515	Checks – Sheriff’s Office	Currie Systems	\$ 1,042.50
2516	Gasoline & Diesel	McPherson Company	\$ 0.17
2517	New Hydraulic Mini Excavator District 1	Huntsville Tractor	\$101,397.00

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; Jason Black, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

County Engineer Richard Sanders gave an update on the French’s Mill ATRIP project, stating they have poured the remainder of concrete and the project is still on schedule for completion in March 2015.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to approve the following subdivision:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Re-plat of Brigadoon West Phase 2, lots 34A & 36A	Minor	Preliminary & Final	No new lots (re-configuring lots 34A & 36A)	3	13504 Inverness Dr.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Ben Harrison, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Steve Turner, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Steve Turner gave an update on the East Limestone Senior Center stating the completion date is scheduled for March 14, 2015.

Recessed at 10:58 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.