

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 6, 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.

Chairman Yarbrough presented proclamations for National Telecommunicators Week:
Athens-Limestone County 911 Center
Limestone County Sheriff’s Office
Ardmore Police Department
Athens Police Department
Athens-Limestone Hospital Emergency Medical Service

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve the minutes of March 16 & April 1, 2015.

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 Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following claims

3/16/15	Check # 32684	\$ 13,362.60
3/20/15	Check # 32685 – 32763	\$ 803,425.90
3/20/15	Check # 32764	\$ 4,004.32
3/27/15	Check # 32765 – 32844	\$ 216,808.52
3/31/15	Check # 32845	\$ 6,000.00
3/31/15	Check # 32846 – 32881	<u>\$ 887,031.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,930,632.84

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. Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; Stanley Hill, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED BY LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, to:

1. Declare as surplus, from property near the north end of Wilkinson Street which is jointly owned by Limestone County and the City of Athens (location indicated on the attached map), approximately 18,000 cubic yards of borrow dirt;

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2. Authorize the sale of said surplus borrow dirt to Grayson Carter and Son Contracting, Inc. at the price of Two Dollars and twenty-three cents (\$2.23) per cubic yard, to be fill verified; and
3. Authorize that the proceeds from the sale shall be applied to the Airport Road Extension project.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** this the 6th day of April, 2015.

CHAIRMAN – MARK YARBROUGH

ATTEST:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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 Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with ALDOT for replacement of the bridge on Fielding Road over Coxey Creek.

Federal Aid Funds (2013)	\$ 39,550.47
Federal Aid Funds (2014)	\$418,520.72
County Funds	<u>\$114,517.80</u>
TOTAL	\$572,588.99

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Morell Engineering to provide Construction Engineering & Inspection Services for bridge replacement project on Fielding Road over Coxey Creek.

Estimated cost	\$ 70,111.36
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(To be reimbursed out of Project Funds per ALDOT agreement.)

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.

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to approve a Change Order for Cowford and Elkmont Community Safe Rooms; credit owner \$9,000.00 for the cost of additional professional services for corrective design.

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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 Steve Turner and seconded by Ben Harrison to nominate the following persons for consideration as members of the County Board of Equalization, for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2015:

- David Glanton
- John Beatty
- Helen Carter

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to award the following bid proposal to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded To	Amount
2538	Pistol Permits (Sheriff's Dept.)	Printers & Stationers, Inc.	\$479.00

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to employ Michelle Williamson as Community Relations Coordinator.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Harrison stated that hiring a Community Relations Coordinator was not a necessary function and that the county could do without it. He explained that he had voted for the position during the budget process; however, he said it was an unnecessary cost due to the current financial situation.

Commissioner Turner stated that he felt the position would promote public awareness. One of the functions would be to conduct a citizen's academy that the Association of County Commissions of Alabama has been encouraging counties to implement.

Commissioner Black said that he was well aware of our current financial troubles, especially considering the added expense for renovations of the Courthouse. He further stated that if \$50,000 negatively impacted the County, then we're in worse shape than he thought. He said that he is for making our government transparent, the previous commission established the position and it should be approved.

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Chairman Yarbrough stated that the position was created and funded by the previous commission. He said that he and County Administrator had spent about five months discussing the duties for the position. He said, “We didn’t want a quick hire. She and I both interviewed every candidate. It was tough to narrow it down.”

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

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve Family Medical Leave for Joey Linginfelter beginning April 13, 2015 and ending April 27, 2015.

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 Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve Family Medical Leave for Chris Shedd beginning March 27, 2015 and ending June 19, 2015.

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

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following merit increases, which are included in the base pay and cost of living pay as listed below.

Name	Position	Effective Date
Kelly Adams	Tax Collection Clerk	4/23/15
Brenda Bridgeforth	Homemaker – C.O.A.	4/07/15
Kathy Cothren	Custodian	4/05/15
Jimmy Gatlin	Equipment Operator III	4/16/15
Joseph Jackson	Equipment Operator I	4/07/15
Lauri King	Senior Rx/SHIP Coord.	4/05/15
Darron Lewter	Grounds/Building Worker	4/07/15
David Martinez	Corrections Officer	4/07/15
Tracy McConnell	Nutrition Site Manager	4/05/15
Milton Pepper	Equipment Operator III	4/07/15
Jennifer Reece	Assistant C.O.A. Director	4/16/15
Wanda Reese	Investigative Assistant	4/04/15
William Royals	Lieutenant	4/07/15
Rickey Smith	Asst. Supt. County Bldgs.	4/08/15
Delores Thompson	Volunteer Coordinator	4/07/15
Leigh Todd	Appraisal Clerk	4/29/15
Andrew Vanschoiack	Corrections Sergeant	4/26/15

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to vacate a utility and drainage easement between lots 22 & 23 of Lookingbill Subdivision, James Drive in District 3.

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.

County Engineer Richard Sanders introduced Levi Terry, a student at Ardmore High School, who is interested in Civil Engineering as a profession.

Chairman Yarbrough introduced the proposed rules and guidelines for the Limestone County Farmer’s Market. He said he had been approached by several people requesting to allow other vendors. He stated that he spoke with some farmers last fall that were receptive to the idea. He placed the proposed revision on the agenda for the Commissioners to consider.

MOTION was made by Jason Black. Motion fails for lack of a second.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to sell the following on GovDeals:

Department	Item	Inventory #	Serial or VIN #
EMA	Onan Generator	3842	
EMA	Canon Copier	4611	
District 1	Fuel Tank & Pump		92432
District 1	Diesel Forklift		M6700 549000
District 1	Kellogg Air Compressor	17968	1028305
District 1	2006 John Deere Tractor with Bush Whacker	17959	RW7220M047077
District 1	1996 Ford F-250	17963	2FTEF25H6TCA25254
District 1	1992 Case Cruz Air Ditcher	17908	JAK0032540

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.

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MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to remove the following from inventory:

Department	Item	Inventory #
Archives	Dell PowerEdge R200	4727
Community Corrections	Computer	4432
Community Corrections	Server	4433
Community Corrections	Phone Equipment	4439
Community Corrections	Surveillance System	4504
Sheriff's Department	Fujitsu Tablet	4824

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to accept property from the Limestone County Board of Education, known as the Blackburn Center, located at the corner of Highway 72 and Blackburn Road.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Black stated he had spoken with the Board of Education and they are willing to transfer the property to the County at no cost. His intentions are to utilize the building as a senior center. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to accept an estimate from Eddie Michael in the amount of \$14,332.00 for the roof at the Veteran's Museum.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to accept a quote from Hardiman Remediation Services, Inc. for asbestos removal at the TN Valley Wholesalers Property in the amount of \$15,500.00.

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 Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve the following Change Orders from Garber Construction for Phase II of the Courthouse renovation project; \$73,332.95:

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- CO# 9 Infill bottom floor at stair #2 \$ 2,248.25
- CO# 10 Additional structural at stair #1 \$ 3,410.90
- CO# 11 Additional structural support \$15,317.50
- CO# 12 Additional work per ASI-1 \$ 7,199.60
- CO# 13 8 additional columns at stair #1 \$ 6,253.00
- CO# 14 Additional support for floor slab \$24,631.20
- CO# 15 Additional support for floor slab \$14,272.50

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.

Chairman Yarbrough announced the 2015 Pals “Don’t Drop It On Alabama”, Statewide Cleanup on April 18 – 25, 2015.

Recessed at 10:35 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.