

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 20, 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.

Kelly Howard, from Martin & Cobey Construction, gave a construction update on the Courthouse.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the minutes of April 6 & 15, 2015.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Stanley Hill, aye; Steve Turner, 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

4/02/15	Check # 32882 – 32936	\$ 620,065.24
4/02/15	Check # 32937	\$ 1,155.00
4/07/15	Check # 32938	\$ 324.00
4/10/15	Check # 32939	\$ 27,849.00
4/10/15	Check # 32940 – 33013	<u>\$ 781,193.46</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,430,586.70

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 FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant for the sole purpose of emergency preparedness programs, 50/50 match, \$2,462.00.

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.

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MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to authorize the Chairman to execute the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Cooperative Agreement, No. 68-4101-15-0010, to install emergency watershed protection to relieve hazards from specific sites of Snake Road, Beechwood Road and Holt Springer Road in District 3.

Federal	\$254,851.00
County	\$ 77,227.00
Total	\$332,078.00

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Jason Black stated the purpose is to relieve hazards created by the 2014 tornadoes from creeks and ditches causing road deterioration. He implied that his district could have saved approximately \$12,000.00 if funds had been received before replacing drain tile on Holt Springer Road. 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 award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded To	Amount
2539	Gasoline & Diesel (May 3, 2015 – Aug. 3, 2015)	W. H. Thomas Oil Company	\$0.15 Gallon Margin over Rack
2540	Tractor & Rotary Cutter Rental	Cleburne Farm Supply, LLC	\$27.00 per hour

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 Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to transfer Jonathan Yerdon to Network Administrator for the Information Technology Department.

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 the following merit increase, which is included in the base pay and cost of living pay as listed below.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Current Rate Per Hour	New Rate Per Hour
Mitzi Cooley	License Tag Clerk	4/07/15	13.49	13.91

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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 Stanley Hill to approve a Change Order for Veep Electric Service, Inc. to provide and install 12 additional type 7 light fixtures on the west side of the Jail and 2 additional type 2 light fixtures on the east side of the Jail: in the amount of \$2,688.08.

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 Stanley Hill and seconded by Steve Turner to remove \$32,481.55 from Dell SAS 300GB, Asset #4729, in the Information Technology Department.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to transfer the following vehicle when approved by ALDOT:

Transfer from	Transfer to	Item	Unit #
Dialysis Transportation	District 3 Litter Patrol	Kidney Dialysis Van	558

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Jason Black said the van will also be used as a safe shelter for District 3 employees to get out of the elements of the weather. 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 Stanley Hill to amend the Limestone County Farmer's Market Rules & Guidelines.

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**Limestone County Farmer's Market
Rules & Guidelines**

The Limestone County Farmers Market has been created to promote and identify a market place for fruits, vegetables, plants, and other products locally made and/or processed.

Mission:

To promote the sale of locally grown farm products by giving local farmers the chance to sell food they raise directly to consumers and allowing consumers to buy fresh food from farmers who raise it.

To promote the sale of vendor produced goods.

To offer a diverse product selection, including repurposed goods and products offered for re-sale as permitted by the Limestone County Commission.

To attract a large and repeating customer base that will afford local farmers and producers a location to sell their produce and other locally produced goods.

Location:

Covered facility at 409 Green Street West

Selling Season:

Market facilities shall be opened in the spring, rain or shine, except in case of severe weather, as seasonable produce for the area becomes available and will be closed as deemed necessary when demand and/or seasonal produce is no longer available.

Limestone County Farmer's Market Operational Schedule:

May through November

Tuesdays and Fridays commencing the first Tuesday in May

Farmers and Producers 6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All other Vendors 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Limestone County Commission reserves the right to close and/or change the hours of operation of the market and market facilities at any time, for any reason.

Market Coordinator:

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The Coordinator will supervise and control the activities of the market and the market property. Coordinator has full responsibility for making certain that all rules and guidelines as set forth are followed by each producer, vendor and his/her employees, representatives, agents and guests. Failure by any producer, vendor, or any of their employees, representatives, agents and guests to comply with any of the rules and guidelines of the market or the Limestone County Commission shall subject the producer and vendor to forfeiture of the right to do business at the market.

Questions about the market may be directed to:

Limestone County Commission Office at 256-233-6400

Eligibility Requirements:

A producer is defined as the person that grows or makes the product and may also include the producer's family members, partners, and employees as identified by the producer. A producer may be herein also referred to as a vendor in this and other market documentation. Producers should be located in North Alabama or the Tennessee Valley. All other vendors must be located in Limestone County. Individuals offering products for sale at the market must be at least 19 years of age. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Permits and Fees:

Producers and farmers of all produce sold at the market must hold a grower's permit. They are available at local County Extension Offices. A copy of the grower's permit must be provided to the Coordinator prior to the first market attended. All permits must be available at each vendor's booth and presented at any on-site inspection.

Market fee:

Booth Rental: \$7.00 per day.

Pre-rented booths must be occupied by 8 a.m. unless the market is notified otherwise. A booth may be shared but each producer will pay \$7.00 each and each producer will provide grower's permit.

Space Assignments and Reservation Policies:

Market Coordinator will designate rental space for all producers and vendors. Assigned spaces may change depending on the market's weekly needs. Reasonable efforts will be made to keep each vendor in a regularly assigned space. All applicants will occupy only one space per rental. Displays must be confined to the assigned space. Multiple spaces may be rented as needed.

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In the event requests for booth and/or space rentals shall be greater than the booths and/or spaces available, producers from Limestone County shall have priority in booth and space assignments above all other producers and vendors. Booth and/or space rental is not guaranteed, promised, or entitled.

Set Up and Clean Up:

Each producer and vendor is responsible for setting up his or her booth in the manner specified by the Market Coordinator. Producers and vendors will be solely responsible at all times for the cleanliness within their vending area. Each producer and vendor is required to leave the space clean.

General Violations:

No firearms, drugs or alcohol will be allowed on market premises. All profane, abusive, discourteous, and boisterous language and/or conduct at or in the market vicinity are strictly prohibited. There is to be no "dumping" of any kind at the end of the market day.

Disclaimer:

All producers and vendors shall be liable for their own products.

Amended: April 20, 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.

Chairman Yarbrough announced the Farmer's Market will open May 5, 2015.

Recessed at 10:16 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.