

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 4, 2016

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.

Chairman Yarbrough presented Life Saving Awards to Corporal Jackie McNatt and Corrections Officer Andrew Vickers for saving the life of an inmate, at the Limestone County Detention Facility, on the morning of March 10th who was clinically dead.

Kelly Howard, from Martin & Cobey Construction, gave an update on the Courthouse renovations.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016.

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 approve the following claims

3/23/16	Check # 37873	\$ 85.00
3/24/16	Check # 37874 – 37911	\$ 171,606.29
3/31/16	Check # 37912 – 38012	<u>\$1,007,801.44</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,179,492.73</u>

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; Ben Harrison, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Jason Black, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Jason Black to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution providing for Limestone County's Participation in the "Sales Tax Holiday" as Authorized by Act. No. 2006-574, beginning 12:01 a.m. on August 5, 2016 and ending at midnight on August 7, 2016.

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**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR LIMESTONE COUNTY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"
AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT NO. 2006-574**

WHEREAS, during its 2006 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2006-574, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the first full weekend in August of each year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2006-574 authorizes the county commission to provide for an exemption of county sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted at least thirty days prior to 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August; and

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of county sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2006-574 during the first weekend of August 2016, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2016 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, August 7, 2016, the first full weekend of August in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e) requires that the county commission notify the Alabama Department of Revenue of any new local tax or amendment to an existing local tax levy at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the first full weekend of August 2016 herein adopted by the county commission is an amendment to the county's sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue as provided in Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e);

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2006-574 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2016 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, August 7, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting of the Limestone County Commission, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e).

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 4th day of April, 2016.

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Mark Yarbrough, Chairman

Attest: _____
Pam Ball, Administrator

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

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve the following Resolution & Agency Agreement authorizing the Secretary of State's Office to act as the County's agent for purposes of paying postage required for the mailing of NVRA voter notices for voter file maintenance as required by Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-30.

**RESOLUTION BY
LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA, COMMISSION**

WHEREAS Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-30 requires the Limestone County Board of Registrars to implement a voter file maintenance process, and

WHEREAS Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-31 requires the Limestone County Commission to pay the cost of postage necessary to mail certain notices to voters and to subsequently apply for and receive reimbursement for such costs from the State of Alabama, and

WHEREAS the Alabama Secretary of State has indicated that his office is willing to serve as the agent for the Limestone County Commission for purposes of paying postage costs and collecting reimbursements for such costs from the State Election Expenses Account as provided for in Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-31, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Limestone County Commission that it hereby agrees to appoint the Secretary of State to serve as its agent for the purposes of paying postage costs necessary for the mailing of certain notices to voters as required by Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-30 and collecting reimbursements for such costs from the State Election Expenses Account as provided by Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-31 and now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Limestone County Commission is authorized to execute an agency agreement to be entered into between this county and the Office of the Alabama Secretary of State.

Adopted this 4th day of April of the year 2016

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Mark Yarbrough, Chairman

Stanley Hill, Commissioner

Jason Black, Commissioner

Steve Turner, Commissioner

Ben Harrison, Commissioner

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF Limestone

DATE: April 4, 2016

AGENCY AGREEMENT

The Limestone County Commission hereby authorizes the Alabama Secretary of State to act as its agent for the purposes of paying postage necessary for the mailing of certain notices to voters as required by Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-30, and collecting reimbursements from the State Election Expenses Account associated with compliance with Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-31. The County Commission understands that the Secretary of State will be paying postage on the voter notifications required by Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-30(a), for which the Commission will be obligated to reimburse the Secretary of State by this agreement and that such reimbursement shall occur from monies the County is entitled to for such costs from the State Election Expenses Account pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-31.

The County Commission also agrees that the business reply mail account fee and business reply mail postage charges will remain its responsibility for which it may be reimbursed by the State of Alabama under the normal operation of Code of Alabama 1975, section 17-4-31.

Chairperson
Limestone County Commission

Acceptance by the Secretary of State:

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State

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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 Steve Turner to nominate the following candidates to be submitted to the Governor to appoint one nominee to serve for a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Elk River Development Agency:

- Mayor Tracy Compton of Elkmont
- Mayor Ronnie Marks of Athens
- Mayor Billy Shannon of Ardmore

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 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
2580	Refinishing & Installation of Pews for Limestone County Courthouse	Rainsville Church Pew Co.	\$ 23,470.00
2581	Data Infrastructure & Audio System for Limestone County Courthouse	Building Systems Tech.	\$110,600.00

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 approve Family Medical Leave for Austin Tyler Berry beginning March 21, 2016 and ending April 18, 2016.

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.

Commissioner Hill:

- Discussed the littering problem in District 1 and thanked the ones assisting with cleanup.
- Gave update on the Thach Road project.

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Commissioner Turner:

- Jones Road resurfacing and widening.
- Keenum to repair cut on Capshaw Road to replace drainage pipe.
- Thanked Corporal McNatt and Officer Vickers for their service.

Commissioner Black:

- Welcomed Bryant Hardaway to his first commission meeting as Network Support Specialist in the I. T. Department.
- Commissioner Black and Eddie Gilbert, from EMA, met with officials at Calhoun Community College about training employees for CPR.
- Recommended citizens not wait until the tornado sirens go off to try to find out where their nearest storm shelter is located. Now would be the time to contact EMA or the Sheriff's Department.
- Will begin paving Huntsville Brownsferry Road from Burgreen Road to County Line Road along with the City of Madison. Will also pave Cedar Acres Lane, in front of James Clemens High School, which will connect two subdivisions.

Commissioner Harrison:

- He and Marc Massey looked at a crossing on Guy Miller Lane and will leave at the original width and will patch areas that are causing problems. School buses may or may not choose to cross that stream.

Chairman Yarbrough:

- Thanked Corporal McNatt and Officer Vickers
- Governor Bentley will be touring Limestone Correctional Facility today and he will meet with him about plans for the prison.

Recessed at 10:23 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.