

LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JUNE 6, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from May 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Present: Danny Barksdale, Derrick Gatlin, and LaDon Townsend. Absent: Daryl Sammet. Chairman Collin Daly presided.

Judge Charles Woodroof addressed the Commission regarding relocating of a polling location from Mays Memorial Missionary Baptist Church to Sardis Springs Baptist Church and to place Sardis Springs Baptist Church in Beat 3 instead of Beat 2. Judge Woodroof stated that this change only effects eighty-four (84) registered voters and does not change ballots for any of those voters. Chairman Daly inquired about the status of The Lamb of God location, and there was discussion regarding that location issue.

Ms. Phyllis Condon, president of Limestone Animal Alliance, expressed concerns about the Limestone County Animal Shelter and the need of a new shelter. Ms. Condon went into detail about the existing conditions of the current shelter.

Mr. Garth Lovvorn Jr., president of the Athens Art League, addressed the Commission requesting a \$5,000.00 contribution to the Scout House project. The Scout House project will be a small music performance venue and location to provide music lessons. The Scout House is located in the old Athens City Board of Education building.

Mrs. Sherry Clark expressed concern about the bridge on Liberty Way Lane and would like maintenance on the bridge if it cannot be replaced. Ms. Sherry Clark also addressed the Commission regarding the closure of the swimming pool at Athens-Limestone Hospital Wellness Center. Chairman Daly stated that the current closure of the pool is the decision of the Athens-Limestone Hospital.

Mr. Rick Bade addressed the Commission regarding his concerns about the bridge on Liberty Way Lane as well as the pool at the Athens-Limestone Hospital Wellness Center.

Mr. Steven Clark also expressed concern about the bridge on Liberty Way Lane and requested help with maintaining the bridge until a new bridge could be built.

Items were discussed for today's commission meeting.

Chairman Daly said that the Health Care Authority Board of Directors is for the hospital, and the hospital submits three (3) nominees for the Commission to consider and vote on one of those nominees. Commissioner Barksdale suggested Joseph Cannon, Commissioner Townsend expressed that he would like a chance to further review, and Chairman Daly felt that it would be best to delay the vote due to the absence of Commissioner Sammet.

Chairman Daly stated that Commissioner Townsend will be excusing himself from voting on a personnel action in the Commission meeting due to being related to one of the hires.

Chairman Daly explained the amending of the Staffing Plan under Animal Control and amendment would allow for an APOST Certified Deputy in order to issue reports, serve papers, or make arrests.

Engineer Massey stated that Autumn Woods subdivision, Phase 1, will be removed from the agenda. He gave an update on road work paving projects.

Chairman Daly reported that the ACCA reached out to the County about an Electronic Meetings Policy which was approved under new Legislation. The policy will allow for attendance electronically should someone not be able to attend in person.

Recessed at 9:38.