

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JANUARY 2, 2018

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 read a Proclamation which proclaims January 2018 to be National Mentoring Month and Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama Month.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the minutes of December 18 & 27, 2017.

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 Jason Black to approve the following claims

12/15/17	Check # 46179 – 46234	\$1,706,285.14
12/21/17	Check # 46235 – 46459	\$ 24,556.36
12/22/17	Check # 46460 – 46522	\$ 795,003.32
12/28/17	Check # 46523	\$ 256.25
12/29/17	Check # 46524 – 46591	<u>\$1,187,247.12</u>
	TOTAL	\$3,713,348.19

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.

Chairman Yarbrough asked for a motion to approve a resolution to distribute certain proceeds of the Simplified Seller Use Tax Remittance for the purpose of road and bridge repair, replacement, maintenance, surfacing, resurfacing, and equipment. Motion was made by Ben Harrison. Failed for lack of a second motion.

Chairman Yarbrough asked for a motion to approve a resolution to equalize road and bridge funding among districts based on road miles. Motion was made by Ben Harrison. Failed for lack of a second motion.

Chairman Yarbrough asked for a motion to approve a resolution to reallocate distributions of TVA payments in-lieu of taxes distributed to the Special Hospital Tax Fund. Motion was made by Ben Harrison. Failed for lack of a second motion.

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MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the following budget revision:

Department	Account Number	Title of Line Item	Amount
Litter Patrol	104-54150-550	Motor Vehicle	+\$24,000.00
	104-35910-000	Budgetary Fund Balance	-\$24,000.00

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 to designate Chairman Mark Yarbrough to represent Limestone County at public hearing on the proposed creation of a tax increment financing district, tentatively named TIF 7, on January 11, 2018, in the Huntsville City Council Chambers.

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 award the following bid proposal to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded to	Amount
2635	Gasoline & Diesel (January 6, 2018 – April 5, 2018)	W H Thomas Oil	30¢ margin over rack

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 Ben Harrison and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve the following subdivision:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Edgebrook Subdivision replat	Minor	Preliminary & Final	4	4	Southeast corner of Sewell Rd & Edgewood Rd intersection

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. 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 Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to approve to sell the following on GovDeals:

Department	Item	Inventory #
District 2	1999 16' x 77" Trailer	2886

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 Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to remove the following from inventory for trade-in:

Department	Item	Inventory #	Serial #
District 2	2005 John Deere 7220 with Tiger Boom Mower	17819/17820	Boom mower 1409 John Deere RW7220R045001
District 2	2013 Komatsu PC55MR-3 Upon receipt of replacement	5012	17291

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 asked for a motion to approve changing the County Commission calendar beginning January 1, 2018 to make Good Friday a floating holiday or personal day. Motion was made by Ben Harrison. Failed for lack of a second motion.

Commissioner Hill:

We're having some extreme cold temperatures and suggested everyone leave their water dripping if they have uninsulated pipes. He said we come to work today to some frozen buildings in the county system.

Commissioner Turner:

District 2 is still operating shorthanded from vacations and sickness. The crew was digging a grave this morning and it was nine degrees, so we won't be doing much outside. He made the following comments regarding the three failed resolutions. He said he talked to a member of the local Legislative delegation and he was not in favor of amending the distribution of the TVA payments in-lieu of taxes. Also, Chairman Yarbrough and Accountant Emily Ezzell stated at the work session why funds should not be diverted from the Simplified Sellers Use Tax Remittance. As far as the other resolution to equalize the road and bridge funding, that was a no-win situation for District 2. It basically had District 2 cut out of receiving any new funds for the foreseeable future. Not only did it do that, but when the other districts got up to the

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same amount of road mile money, they were going to be cut out. We would have ended up in a situation where District 4 would have received all the additional funding that come in. He stated that capacity issues should be taken into consideration and not solely road miles. He discussed when Governor Bentley's ATRIP project was put into effect, major collector roads were used for that money. That tells me that we should be spending the money on the roads carrying the most traffic, regardless of where they are. He stated there is no way he will ever support a resolution where funding for District 2 gets stopped or cut.

Commissioner Black:

We do need extra funding for roads, but the options provided today by the resolutions were not acceptable. Again, traffic counts, there's no way to figure in that every mile gets the same amount of money. There are certain areas that have higher volumes of cars and higher volumes of big trucks. He said he has quite a few big trucks that travel Huntsville Brownsferry Road due to the location of the rock quarry. He said he talked to the Limestone County State Representatives and one of the Senators and they are working on something. It's their responsibility to provide funding for roads. He stressed that we can't get the money for Limestone County from each other or put a tax on our citizens. He would not be in favor of the options presented today until the State had exhausted all their options to provide us with the funds. He would not put a burden on any employee at the hospital, or put a burden on anyone that lives within Limestone County for a local tax. He looks forward to the ideas of our local Legislators and hope that will rectify the problems.

Commissioner Harrison:

Thinks there is some confusion about what was attempted. First, we all agree there is disparity between road miles per district. He said what he is attempting to do is rectify the disparity based on road miles. He stated that this would not have taken one dollar from District 2, but what it did was make available funds from the Simplified Sellers Use Tax and Special Hospital Tax and shifted it over to a road funds to bring the other three districts up to the same level of funding. When gas tax monies increase, District 2 gas tax funds will increase. He indicated that when all the districts were brought up to level, then all four districts would go up proportional to road miles. There were two sets of factors in the resolution; before parity and after parity, so all the districts would increase based on road miles. He stated it didn't require any new taxes, and it is our responsibility to set priorities within our budget. He said, as far as the TVA in-lieu of taxes, the original agreement with the hospital back in June 2015, had it zeroed out in fiscal year 2018.

Chairman Yarbrough:

He indicated the decrease in last fiscal year's TVA payments in-lieu of taxes was made up by the \$220,000 received from the Simplified Sellers Use Tax. He expressed concern with capping the Simplified Sellers Use Tax at \$220,000 since there has been a continual decrease in the TVA payments in-lieu of taxes. As far as the hospital tax, that is a local act and it is up to the local Legislative delegation to change the local law. He said that he didn't want anybody to misconstrue that this Commission can pass a resolution and enact law.

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Recessed at 10:19 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.