

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JANUARY 15, 2020

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from January 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

Janaya Malone and Kate Preston, members of the Athens Mayor's Youth Commission addressed the Commission regarding the Hazardous Household Waste Management Grant they received from the Dekko Foundation to help address the problem. The grant is in the amount of \$1,500.00, but if the Youth Commission raises \$3,500, the Dekko Foundation will match those funds.

Lease for Sarrell Regional Dental Center: Chairman Daly explained Sarrell would pay \$3,000 per month over the next five years, with an option to renew the lease for an additional two years. He said, they assume all responsibility for the building, except the county is responsible for the roof. Commissioner Harrison questioned why lease opposed to selling the building. He said, "I just don't want us in the rental business." Commissioner Black said he was pleased with the agreement, stating at least with the new lease, the county is getting something back. He said, "I'm happy they provide the service they provide."

County Engineer Marc Massey asked the Commissioners to get him a list of projects for the upcoming paving season.

Commissioner Sammet said some of his crew cleared the old L&S property of debris and trees in preparation of the proposed engineering building. He and the commissioners discussed a heated asphalt tank to be placed on the site and installing a fence.

Commissioner Turner reported Newby Road would be closed between U.S. Highway 72 and Gray Road near Caldera Ridge Subdivision on Thursday, January 16th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for his crew to replace a cross drain. On Friday he plans for his crew to put asphalt over the loose rock and let it settle to be ready for the final asphalt in the upcoming paving season.

Commissioner Black reported an engineering group performed patching on Shaw Road ahead of resurfacing work planned for the spring. He said his crew continues patching potholes.

Commissioner Harrison said he plans to replace a culvert on Romine Road. He said he's having a problem with heavy trucks using Romine Road as a cut-through from Flanagan to Upper Snake Roads. He would like to install no truck signs. He plans to work with Google to get their map programs to deter truckers from using Romine Road.

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All the Commissioners stated their districts continue to deal with washouts, potholes and clogged drains created from the heavy rains.

Chairman Daly thanked everyone for attending. He talked about the importance of an accurate Census count for Limestone County and the State of Alabama.

Items were discussed for the January 21, 2020 agenda.

Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.