

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JANUARY 21, 2020

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: Daryl Sammet, Steve Turner, and Ben Harrison. Absent: Jason Black. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Ben Harrison to approve the minutes of January 6 & 15, 2020.

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

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the following claims

1/03/2020	Check # 55805 – 55847	\$ 472,187.36
1/03/2020	Check # 55848	\$ 7,539.59
1/09/2020	Check # 55849	\$ 1,669.84
1/10/2020	Check # 55850 – 55929	\$ 697,646.09
	TOTAL	\$1,179,042.88

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. Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Daryl Sammet to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution to extend participation in the ACCA Liability Fund for an additional three-years beginning January 1, 2021 and concluding December 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Limestone County is a member of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. ("Liability Fund") for the contract period ending Dec. 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County's participation in the Liability Fund has been a significant benefit to the County since becoming a member; and

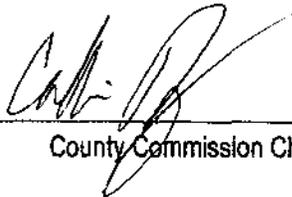
WHEREAS, the representation and service provided by the Liability Fund continues to be in the best interest of Limestone County and its officials and employees; and

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WHEREAS, Limestone County would benefit by agreeing to extend its participation in the Liability Fund for an additional three-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2021 and concluding Dec. 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Limestone County Commission that it renews its participation in the Liability Fund for calendar years 2021 through 2023 and hereby directs its Chair to immediately execute the 2021-2023 ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. Participation Agreement.

Adopted this the 21st day of January, 2020.



County Commission Chairperson

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commission Harrison stated the self-insurance fund is a very good program. The county has participated in the liability self-insurance for several decades. In the last three years, the fund capitalized enough to fund property insurance for the counties. This is for every county in the state that elects to participate in the fund and we've been able to expand our coverage at a lower cost, so it's a good program. The Administrator called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Steve Turner, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Steve Turner to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution to designate additional space as a temporary courthouse annex.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission is the governing body of Limestone County, Alabama (the "County") and wishes to designate additional space as a temporary county courthouse annex; and,

WHEREAS, Alabama law provides that county commissions may locate county offices, including courthouses, to property outside the courthouse, provided the building is designated as a courthouse annex by order of the county commission at a regular meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the County Commission wishes to designate the property located at 655 U.S. Highway 31-N, Athens, Alabama, 35611 ("Athens High School"), as a temporary courthouse annex to accommodate judicial duties and court proceedings pursuant to, but not limited to, Alabama Code Sections such as 11-3-11 and 11-14-12; and,

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WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to permit any duly appointed judge performing judicial duties in Limestone County to conduct any and all court business as needed at the above-listed courthouse annex as if such business were being conducted in the Limestone County Courthouse located at 200 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama, 35611; and,

WHEREAS, upon motion having been duly made by Commissioner Ben Harrison, and seconded by Commissioner Steve Turner, with discussion having been had thereon and a vote having been taken, upon which vote said motion carried by the vote of 3 to 0;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Limestone County Commission as follows:

1. Athens High School, which is located at 655 U.S. Highway 31-N, Athens, Alabama, 35611, is hereby designated as a courthouse annex;
2. Duly appointed judges performing their duties in Limestone County may conduct any and all court business at Athens High School as if it were being conducted at the Limestone County Courthouse located at 200 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama, 35611;
3. The main entrance for such temporary courthouse annex shall be the entrance(s) on the West side of the school providing entrance to its main gymnasium; and,
4. This resolution shall take effect on the date it is approved and adopted and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020, unless extended by further order of this Commission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2020.

Collin Daly, Chairman

ATTEST:

Pam Carter, County Clerk/Administrator

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

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Ben Harrison to approve lease for a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, VIN # 1GC4YPEY1LF105682 at the Sheriff's Office; for an annual rent of \$1.00.

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

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Daryl Sammet to award the following bid proposal to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

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Proposal No.	Item	Awarded to	Amount
2713	Electronic Poll Books (Elections)	Knowink, LLC	Required Equipment/ Services Base per-unit cost: \$1,145.00 Optional Equipment/ Services Training: First election is included; for subsequent elections, in person training is \$2,500.00 per person, per day Elections Assistance: \$2,500.00 per person, per day Software: \$125.00 per year annual maintenance support starting in year 2 Equipment: Receipt Printer: \$300.00; Receipt Paper: \$150.00/box (50 roll box)

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

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve the following merit increases, which are 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
Justin Brown	Equipment Operator III	1/07/20	20.17	20.80
Gary Carroll	Senior Systems Administrator	1/04/20	30.29	31.24
Anthony Gardner	Eng. Asst. III Bridge Inspector	1/17/20	31.55	32.54
Kayla Holt	Monitoring Specialist/Lab Tech.	1/10/20	23.54	24.28
Caleb King	Deputy	1/26/20	20.96	21.61
Cody Lewter	Deputy	1/10/20	26.84	27.68
Donna Mattox	Title Clerk	1/04/20	17.70	18.25
Susan McGrady	Council on Aging Director	1/25/20	30.29	31.24
Moses McGuire	Equipment Operator	1/05/20	18.38	18.96
William Morell	Corrections Officer	1/29/20	16.13	16.64
Myra Moss	Communications Officer	1/28/20	24.11	24.87
Deborah Ridgeway	Recording Clerk II	1/23/20	14.60	15.06
Johnny Smith	Nutrition Site Manager	1/11/20	17.70	18.25
Laura Then	Tax Collection Clerk	1/09/20	20.66	21.30
Christopher Thompson	Corrections Officer	1/21/20	17.70	18.25
Andrew M. Vickers Jr.	Corporal	1/03/20	22.66	23.38
Rita White	Emergency Management Director	1/21/20	42.56	43.90

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

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MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve the following subdivisions:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
White & Meals Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	4	Approx. 240' south of Quinn Rd
John T. Coffman Subdivision replat of tract 14	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	4	Approx. 455' east of Old Elkmont Rd

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

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to sell the following vehicle on GovDeals, pending ALDOT approval:

Department	Item	VIN #
Council on Aging	2007 Ford Econoline e450 Shuttle Bus	1FDXE45X87DA20626

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

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to purchase (11) heavy duty dump trucks with 16' steel dump bodies and (1) low boy tractor through the ACCA Joint Bid Program and seek financing in the amount of \$1,762,403.00.

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

Commissioner Sammet reported his district has been dealing with the wet weather and now the freeze is not going to help. He submitted list of projects to the county engineer for the upcoming paving season.

Commissioner Turner stated he turned in an extensive list of road projects to the county engineer that he would like to see done. He doesn't know how long his money will last. He reported his crew continues with routine maintenance and installing driveway tiles.

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Commissioner Harrison reported the bridges on Leggtown Road and Chapman Hollow Road are out. He said after a study, the rating on Chapman Hollow bridge was taken down from a 10-ton bridge to a 3-ton bridge. He has a solution for a fairly quick fix to put some culverts in and take the bridge out. He said the Leggtown bridge would be a bit more difficult. It's a 252' bridge. In the initial design of the bridge it was a 15-ton, 3 t-beam bridge and you're not going to get a 36-ton bridge design out of a bridge with 3 t-beams. He said that somewhere between 1995 and 1999 the bridge was damaged. He feels confident the school system can temporarily work around the bridge being out until evaluations are completed to come up with an affordable solution.

Chairman Daly yielded the floor to County Attorney Mark Maclin.

Mark Maclin said the Commission would enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and receive updates to a matter of commerce. He said there wouldn't be any action on either of those coming out of the executive session other than to adjourn.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Ben Harrison to enter Executive Session.

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

The executive session convened at 10:14 a.m.

Adjourned at 11:16 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama.