

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MARCH 2, 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, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

Andrea Turner and Teresa Todd with Athens-Limestone Tourism Association addressed the Commissioners about SB112 proposed amendments for Tourism Districts. Andrea said through their research for alternative methods of funds, they came across a company called CIVITAS that specializes in helping create what is called Tourism Improvement District (LCTID). Through CIVITAS they learned the current self-help improvement district law only allowed for TID's to be developed in class 2 municipalities. However, Athens-Limestone Tourism Association and Florence-Lauderdale Hospitality Association partnered with CIVITAS to draft an amendment that would change current state law allowing for all municipality classes, along with any of the 67 counties across the state to have the right to create their own TID. After meeting with local legislators, Rep. Lynn Greer and Senator Tim Melson agreed to sponsor the bill. Andrea and Teresa asked the support of the Limestone County Commission if SB112 passes and they begin the process of developing the Limestone County Tourism Improvement District (LCTID).

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to approve the minutes of February 18 & 26, 2020.

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

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following claims

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|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2/14/20 | Check # 56273         | \$ 242,874.94         |
| 2/21/20 | Check # 56274 – 56332 | \$ 908,430.56         |
| 2/28/20 | Check # 56333 – 56438 | <u>\$1,603,520.73</u> |
|         | TOTAL                 | \$2,754,826.23        |

with detailed claims of the above being on file for review upon request to the County Administrator.

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**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution to obtain financing and execute finance documents with Truist Bank for eleven new dump trucks and one lowboy tractor in the amount of \$1,762,403.00 at an interest rate of 1.75%, and terms not exceeding 15 months from closing.

**Resolution Approving Financing Terms**

**WHEREAS:** Limestone County, Alabama (the “Borrower”) has previously determined to undertake a project for the financing of various vehicles and equipment (the “Project”), and the finance officer (“Finance Officer”) has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:**

1. The Borrower hereby determines to finance the Project through Truist Bank (“Lender”) in accordance with the proposal dated February 21, 2020. The amount financed shall not exceed \$1,762,403.00, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 1.75%, and the financing term shall not exceed fifteen (15) months from closing.

2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the “Financing Documents”) shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the Borrower are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by Borrower officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer’s release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document’s final form.

4. The Borrower shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The Borrower hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).

5. The Borrower intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the Borrower’s official intent to reimburse expenditures for the Project that are to be financed from the proceeds of the Lender financing described above. The Borrower intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the Borrower’s general fund or any other Borrower fund related to the Project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of Borrower officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to submit a COPS grant for funding three new Deputies. Cost of three Deputies for three years is approximately \$522,000. COPS grant will fund up to \$125,000 per new hire. The grant would be \$375,00 with a County match of \$147,000.

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

**MOTION** was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve lease for 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, VIN # 3GUYEED1LG121753 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. Steve Turner, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to authorize the Chairman to execute the following Extension of Memorandum of Understanding between the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division & Limestone County for a period of three years.

### **EXTENSION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** **between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,** **Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and Limestone County, Alabama**

COMES NOW the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (hereinafter "the Division"), and Limestone County, Alabama (hereinafter "the County"), collectively "the Parties", and effective as of the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, hereby agree to extend that Memorandum of Understanding ("the MOU") entered into between the Parties as of January 29, 2018 for the County to provide certain periodic maintenance to access points, roads, rights-of-ways, and other areas within the TVA-leased Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area, as follows:

WHEREAS the MOU allows at its paragraph IV for the MOU to be extended upon written agreement of the parties; and,

WHEREAS both Parties each desire to enter into this written agreement to extend the MOU for an additional three (3) years with all other terms of the original agreement remaining in full force and effect;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The term of the MOU is hereby extended for a period of three (3) years running from January 30, 2020 through January 29, 2023.
2. Except as hereby extended and the duration of the MOU thereby modified, the MOU shall remain in full force and effect as to all other terms, conditions, obligations and rights therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their below signatures, have executed this extension of the MOU effective as of the date above written.

RECOMMENDED:

STATE OF ALABAMA  
Department of Conservation  
And Natural Resources

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chuck Sykes, Director  
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher M. Blankenship  
Commissioner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Collin Daly, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Black explained the MOU allows county employees to use county equipment to make necessary repairs on the wildlife management area and to be reimbursed by the state for labor cost and use of the equipment. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

| <b>Proposal No.</b> | <b>Item</b>                                      | <b>Awarded to</b>          | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2714                | Printing Business Cards<br>(License Commission)  | Printers & Stationers Inc. | \$371.00      |
| 2715                | Printing Kraft Envelopes<br>(License Commission) | Currie Systems             | \$125.00      |

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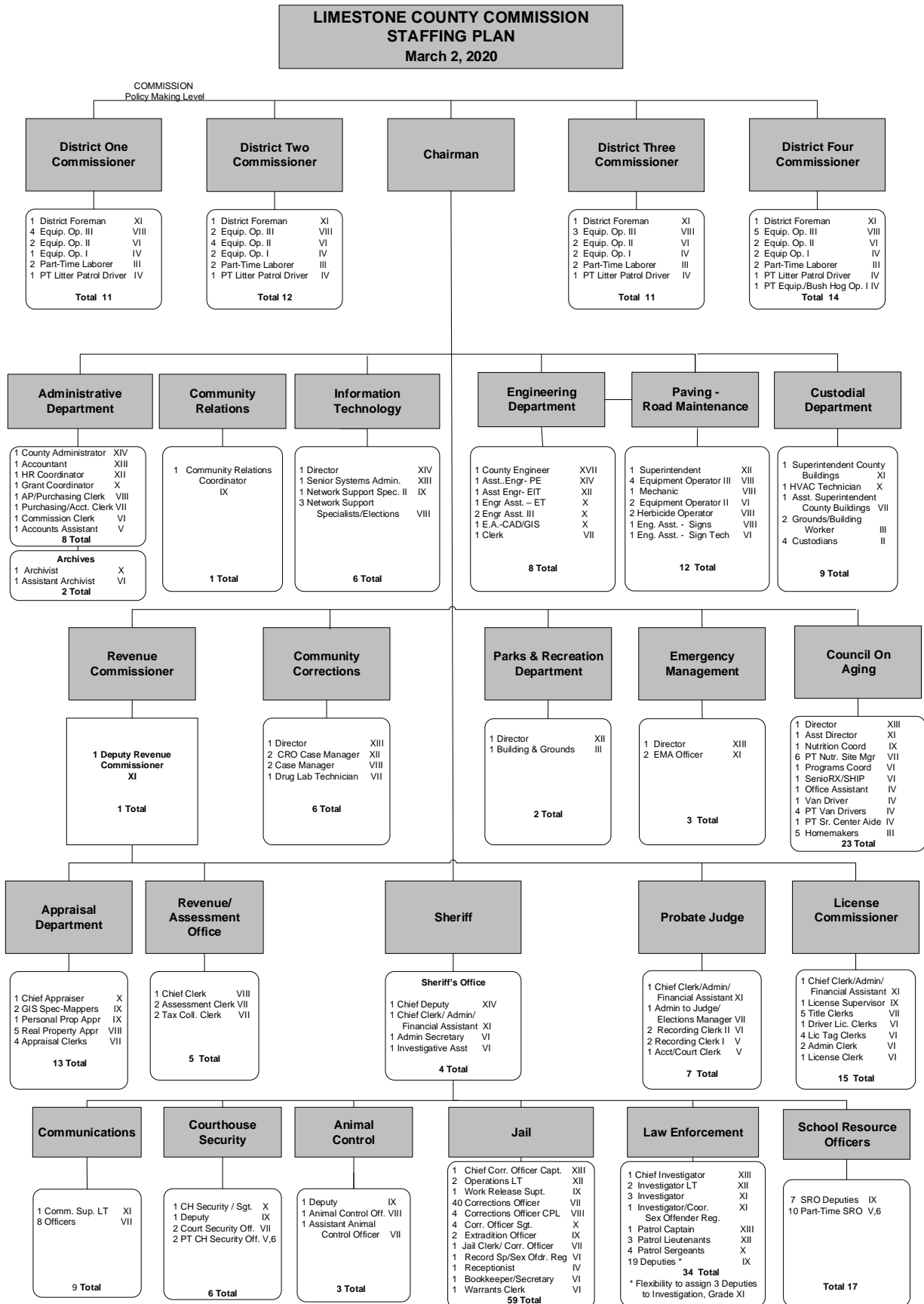
The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to extend Family Medical Leave for Gelia McWhirter beginning February 15, 2020 until March 27, 2020.

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

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to amend the Staffing Plan to change part-time SRO from Grade V Step 2 to Grade V Step 6 and change job description respectively.

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**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Steve Turner 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 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Brandon Baker      | Deputy                           | 3/21/20        |
| Samuel Beckham     | Corrections Corporal             | 3/07/20        |
| Justin D. Flanagan | Patrol Lieutenant                | 3/17/20        |
| Michele Holden     | License Clerk                    | 3/06/20        |
| Cady Jackson       | Corrections Officer              | 3/18/20        |
| Timothy McNeill    | Investigator                     | 3/22/20        |
| Cody Mears         | Litter Patrol District 4         | 3/04/20        |
| Zach Mucci         | Case Manager                     | 3/17/20        |
| Loren H. Norwood   | Corrections Officer              | 3/02/20        |
| Cameron Puckett    | Chief Clerk – Revenue Commission | 2/16/20        |
| James Scott        | Grounds/Building Worker          | 3/02/20        |
| Jonathan Swart     | Corrections Officer              | 3/07/20        |
| James Tolen II     | Corrections Officer              | 3/04/20        |
| Sheila Vickers     | Case Manager                     | 3/18/20        |
| Dusty Wallace      | Equipment Operator III           | 3/30/20        |
| Vanessa Yates      | Custodian                        | 3/07/20        |

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**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve to sell the following on GovDeals:

| Department       | Item                 | Inventory # | Serial or VIN #   |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Council on Aging | 2004 Pontiac Montana | 48060       | 1G5DX23E54D118843 |
| Engineering      | Rosco Chipsreader    | 17804       | 49420             |
| Sheriff's Office | 2010 Ford Crown Vic  | 714         | 2FABP7BVXAX126235 |
| Sheriff's Office | 2011 Ford Crown Vic  | 710         | 2FABP7BV6BX135547 |
| Sheriff's Office | 2009 Ford Crown Vic  | 774         | 2FAHP71V69X126241 |
| Sheriff's Office | 2011 Ford Crown Vic  | 711         | 2FABP7BV8BX135548 |
| Sheriff's Office | 2008 Ford Crown Vic  | 749         | 2FAFP71V78X150845 |

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

Commissioner Sammet reported his district is trying to deal with the continuous rain. He encouraged everyone to go vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Turner reported that Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority are moving a water line on Pepper Road so the district crew can replace a cross drain. He announced East Limestone Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Swamp John's fund raiser tomorrow.

Commissioner Black reported erosion created by all the rains. He said his crew will be putting gravel out in front of the mailboxes of about 45 houses to help stop the erosion.

Commissioner Harrison reported his district has finished replacing three cross drains on Patterson Hill. One of those was on the hill where there's been a problem with sliding from the water coming down the hill. They put in a cross drain that will handle four-times the flow.

Chairman Daly recognized Corporal David Beckham, Corrections Officer Jacob Lamar, Corporal Joseph Linginfelter, and Sergeant Janice Williams for successfully completing the Alabama Jail Training Academy.

Adjourned at 10:21 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama.