

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MARCH 5, 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 Mark Yarbrough presented certificates to Corey Hudson and Jay Hudson recognizing 65 years of the sick call radio program on WKAC.

Richard Durham, 30845 Lester Road, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed closing of the polling location at the Lester Town Hall storm shelter. He stated the storm shelter is ADA compliant, but recognized that the polling location has some deficiencies, and requested the Town of Lester be allowed to correct the deficiencies. He expressed concern that it would place an inconvenience on elderly voters and may discourage them from exercising their right to vote.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to approve the minutes of February 20 & 28, 2018,

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.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the following claims

2/16/18	Check # 47365 – 47439	\$ 509,855.83
2/23/18	Check # 47440 – 47507	\$ 696,514.45
2/27/18	Check # 47508 – 47549	\$ 86,679.05
2/27/18	Check # 47550	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,293,549.33

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. 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 Ben Harrison to accept the resignation of James Pack and appoint Doug Ezzell to the E911 Board of Commissioners for the remainder of the term that expires on August 19, 2018.

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

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MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to hire Sydnae Townsend as a Corrections Officer, pending drug screening.

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 Stanley Hill and seconded by Steve Turner to approve a 35-mph speed limit on Slate Road, from Carey Road to Sandlin Road in District 1.

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 Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve to close the Beat 6 polling location at Lester Town Hall and merge with the Beat 6 polling locations at Goodsprings Community Center and West Limestone Volunteer Fire Department, effective for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harrison thanked Richard Durham for speaking. He stated the majority of the residents do not want the polling location to move. His recommendation is not to move the voting place. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, nay; Steve Turner, nay; Stanley Hill, nay; and Ben Harrison, nay. Motion failed unanimously.

All the Commissioners discussed their respective road problems caused by the recent heavy rains and winter's harsh freezing.

Commissioner Hill: discussed the continued problem of littering. He said that his crew has been picking up litter from the ditches that collected there after the heavy rains. He said, "It's just a habit people have of throwing it out, and someone has to pick it up. The taxpayers have to pay for it."

Commissioner Turner: thanked Doug Ezzell for his willingness to serve on the E911 Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Black: reported that his litter crew recently picked-up six couches and chairs that had been dumped. He said his crew had patched the same pothole on Shaw Road five times. He explained that Shaw Road has seen an increase in traffic from added maintenance workers going in and out of the Brownsferry Nuclear Plant because of the maintenance and refueling outage.

Commissioner Harrison: discussed the Patterson Hill Road closure because of erosion on the hill from the recent flooding. His crew may put some large boulders at the base to divert water away from the hill. He said that he is looking at different options with disaster aid funding and every effort would be made to reopen the road as soon as possible.

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Chairman Yarbrough: thanked Doug Ezzell for his willingness to serve on the E911 Board and thanked Jay and Corey Hudson, a father and son team, for hosting the sick call radio program since 2000.

Recessed at 10:18 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama.