

## MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JULY 30, 2018

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from July 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Stanley Hill, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Mark Yarbrough, Chairman presided.

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to approve the following Resolution to change the Work Session to July 30, 2018.

### RESOLUTION OF LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, Limestone County Commission holds its' Work Sessions on the Wednesday before a regular scheduled Commission meeting.

**WHEREAS**, said meetings are held at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex at 10 a.m.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Limestone County Commission to change the Work Session scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2018 to Monday, July 30, 2018.

**ADOPTED** on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

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

The Athens Limestone Community Association (ALCA), David Malone, Richard Martin, and Jimmy Woodroof, addressed the Commission requesting a \$20,000 commitment of funds for the FY2019 to assist with the \$80,000 needed in matching funds to apply for a \$320,000 special grant to complete the Fort Henderson Memorial and the Trinity History Center at the Trinity-Fort Henderson Complex. Fort Henderson has attained international recognition for its connection to Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Sussex, Megan Markle. Markle, who married Prince Harry of Wales in 2018, is the great-great-great-great granddaughter of Joseph Betts, a former slave who fought and was captured with the 110<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry at Fort Henderson in the Battle of Athens, September 24, 1864. The ALCA plans to memorialize the service of Betts and his comrades by creating the Fort Henderson Memorial, which will include monuments, historic interpretive markers, and a park with a walking train around the fort outline; and the Trinity History Center, which will include an archives and interactive museum exhibits that preserve and share the story of Fort Henderson and Trinity School. This is the second and third phase of the project that began with the successful re-opening of the former Trinity School as a self-sustaining community center, the Pincham-Lincoln Center.

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Items were discussed for the August 6, 2018 agenda.

Commissioner Hill reported that his district is bush hogging, bushwhacking, and finishing the current chip seal projects. He encourages motorists to use caution when passing through work zones.

Commissioner Turner reported his district has completed round one of bush hogging. His crew have been patching holes and other routine maintenance.

Commissioner Black reported that his district has been performing routine maintenance. He requested motorists to slow down while driving through work zones.

Commissioner Harrison stated that he would like to add to the agenda to sell a flatbed on GovDeals. He also will be seeking approval at the next Commission meeting to chip seal several roads. He reported that his district repaired a box culvert on Lintzville Road.

Chairman Yarbrough called for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter in which the Commission would be in negotiations and to discuss possible litigation.

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill for the commission to enter executive session.

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

Chairman Yarbrough announced there would be no further business after the executive session other than to adjourn. The executive session adjourned at 11:28 a.m.