

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from September 8, 2015 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.

Donna Abernathy, employee for 31 years at Athens – Limestone Hospital, voiced frustration over the reduction of the county appropriation for FY 2016. She said the hospital employees 800 people and cares for patients whether they can afford to pay or not. She questioned the appropriation for the Animal Control Services.

Commissioner Black explained that the County is not against Athens – Limestone Hospital.

Chairman Yarbrough stated the County is appropriating \$500,000.00; which no other government entity is giving to Huntsville Hospital.

Commissioner Harrison said he is against government entities using the tax payer dollars to support businesses.

Kelly Howard, Martin & Cobey Construction Manager, detailed the work to be done according to the reroofing and repairs for the Courthouse roof.

The Commissioners discussed and recommended to reject Bid 2548 for the new storage facility for Limestone County EMA and 911, due to budgetary concerns.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Ben Harrison to suspend the Rules of Order to approve personnel actions.

The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Ben Harrison, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Jason Black, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Stanley Hill to employ Marcus Massey as Assistant County Engineer, pending drug and alcohol screening.

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 Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to employ Jackie Perry as Equipment Operator 2 in District 2, pending drug and alcohol screening.

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

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MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to promote Justin Flanagan to Patrol Lieutenant.

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.

Kelly Howard, Martin & Cobey Construction Manager, briefed the Commission in full detail on the scope of work for each change order on the agenda, for Phase III of the Courthouse renovation project.

Commissioner Hill: Working on Holt Road

Commissioner Turner: Chip sealed Glover Road and Ashley Lane, will work on Boocille Lane and the last end of Pepper Road and Bluebird Lane.

Commissioner Black: Is planning to chip seal Ezell Road and Huntsville Brownsferry Road in the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Harrison: Resurfacing Lakeview Street and a section on Parker Road. Also, wants to add a proposal to review of how the gas tax funds are redistributed.

Items were discussed for the September 21, 2015 agenda.

Adjourned at 11:04 a.m.