

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, DECEMBER 2, 2019

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.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019.

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

11/15/19	Check # 55272 – 55342	\$1,305,763.38
11/15/19	Check # 55343 – 55367	\$ 208,628.01
11/22/19	Check # 55368 – 55427	\$ 576,541.41
11/27/19	Check # 55428 – 55510	<u>\$1,279,057.21</u>
	TOTAL	\$3,369,990.01

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. 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 Ben Harrison to approve the following resolution to adopt the following amended Commission Meeting Schedule.

**LIMESTONE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Amended December 2, 2019

Regular Commission meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., unless meeting day falls on a legal holiday or for unforeseen circumstances.

Commission meetings are held at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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Work Sessions are scheduled on the Wednesday before a scheduled Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m., unless meeting day falls on a legal holiday or for unforeseen circumstances.

Work Sessions are held at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama

Meeting days, times and places may be changed if necessary and prior notification will be given as per Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 11-3-8. All meetings scheduled and held shall be in compliance with the Open Meetings Law (Code of Alabama 1975, 36-25A). Special meetings may be called with proper notice as set out in the law.

Collin Daly, Chairman

Daryl Sammet
District I Commissioner

Jason Black
District III Commissioner

Steve Turner
District II Commissioner

Ben Harrison
District IV Commissioner

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 award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded to	Amount
2708	38 or more Axon Body Video Cameras (Sheriff's Department)	TASER – Axon Enterprise, Inc.	\$699.00 per camera
2709	Motor Oil (Dec. 7, 2019 – Dec. 6, 2020)	W. H. Thomas Oil	\$12,864.37 overall

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 Ben Harrison to approve the following merit increases, which are included in the base pay and cost of living pay as listed below.

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Name	Position	Effective Date
Jennifer Easter	Assessment Clerk	11/09/19
Judith A. Harvey	Chief Appraiser	11/08/19
Paula Thompson	Assessment Clerk	11/24/19

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

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

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Eagle Point Subdivision replat lots 13 & 14	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	2	17115 & 17137 Freedom Dr.

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 Ben Harrison and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to transfer the following equipment:

Transfer from	Transfer to	Item	Inventory & Serial #
Emergency Management	County Commission	Canon Copier Model IRC5240A	18854 Inventory #
County Commission	License Commission	Cannon IR5050N	7519 Inventory # DZA02255 Serial #

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve to close County offices on December 23, 2019.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harrison said, County employees have more holidays than federal or state. The Sheriff's budget is impacted by the holiday pay. It gives favor with employees, but we serve constituents too.

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Closing the offices limits the days they can do their business. If Governor Ivey declares the 23rd a holiday, I'm fine with it, but to give an extra day in addition to that, ups our cost. I'm opposed to that. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Steve Turner, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye and Ben Harrison, nay. Motion carries.

Commissioner Sammet said water over the roads from the weekend storms caused washouts and clogged culverts. His crew is working to unclog the affected culverts. He asked residents to keep items away from the ditches that can easily be swept away by rain, such as soccer balls and trash cans.

Commissioner Turner thanked the residents at East Limestone for the great job of maintaining their yard up to the road and keeping sticks and other debris away from ditches. He said that it saves his district time.

Commissioner Black discussed the December 23rd holiday. He said, "We're elected officials, we also work for the employees. Sometimes you just have to do things that just might be the right thing to do. It was the right thing to do." He stated that he's probably not going to have any employees working that day, but the license commission and the revenue commission and all those, they have employees that want to take off. Allowing employees to use vacation time to take the day off would leave a skeleton crew at the county offices, so county business would not be running at 100% either way.

Commissioner Harrison responded to Commissioner Black's comments, "There are things that can be done even with a skeleton crew." He reported a bridge on Quinn Road at Round Island Creek has washed out and will need to be repaired or replaced. Modifications to the bridge were estimated at \$13,000 to \$14,000, but he thinks it could be replaced for around \$8,000 to \$8,500. He expects the bridge to be out of use for two to three days.

Chairman Daly asked everyone to remember Lowndes County Sheriff Williams family as he's laid to rest today. He made the following announcements: Limestone County Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5th at 5:00 p.m., followed by the annual Christmas Parade and the Ardmore Christmas Parade on December 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 10:17 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama.