

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JUNE 1, 2016

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from May 16, 2016 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.

Charles Woodroof, Judge of Probate, addressed the Commission regarding the upcoming elections. He said that personnel from the Engineering Department are needed 18 working days per election, as indicated below.

- 7 days 2 people are need for preparation, all testing, coordinating delivery with polling locations, etc.
- 1 day 2 people are needed for public testing.
- 3 days 4 people are needed for delivery of machines, ballots and supplies to all polling locations.
- 1 day 4 people are needed for Election Day.
- 3 days 4 people are needed for pickup of all machines and supplies at polling locations.
- 3 days 2 people are needed for post-election organization to put election building back in order, retrieve provisional ballots, store voted ballots, discard old voted ballots, etc.

Faye Sledge attended the meeting requesting a follow-up on the Sledge Road debris complaint. County Attorney, Mark Maclin, stated the property owner had been contacted and would be given a reasonable amount of time to get the property cleaned up. If the property is cleaned up and appears to be in compliance, that would be the end of it. If it's not, it would be an administrative matter as the filing of an action. He said legal action would be the last resort.

John Elliott along with three other residents from Old Scrouge Road voiced their concerns about the amount of dust created since April when the road was milled in preparation of chip-sealing it. Commissioner Hill apologized for the dust and stated he had no way of knowing there would be a drought. He explained that he could have gone and chip-sealed it like always, but in two months, they would be patching potholes. The road did not have a base and they've added tons of rock. He said that his district would be chip-sealing the road today, but it would take a couple of good rains to get rid of the chip-seal dust.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to suspend the Rules of Order to approve a bridge replacement resolution.

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

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MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the following resolution for Old Highway 20 bridge replacement.

RESOLUTION (BRIDGE REPLACEMENT)

COUNTY OF LIMESTONE
STATE OF ALABAMA

Project No. ERPR-9010()
Functional Classification No. __

WHEREAS, the Commission of Limestone County, Alabama, is desirous of construction or improving, by force account, by contract, or both, a section of road included in the Limestone County Road System and described as follows:

Replacement of 91.9 foot bridge over a slough of Limestone Creek on Old Highway 20 (County Road 12).
Structure No. OCO0010 420000070Z00
Sufficiency Rating - 46.90 Status - Structurally Deficient
BIN No. 002544

WHEREAS, the county agrees to all of the provisions of the County-wide agreement executed between the State and the County covering preliminary engineering by State forces and equipment on the project, and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to all of the provisions of any agreement which has been executed covering the construction of the project.

Done at the regular scheduled work session of the Commission of Limestone County, this 1st day of June, 2016.

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 Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to suspend the Rules of Order to accept a Homeland Security Grant.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to accept a Cooperative Agreement State Homeland Security Grant (Award # 4FIL), for respirators for the Athens Police Department, in the amount of \$4,725.00 with no County match.

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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; Stanley Hill, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Jason Black to suspend the Rules of Order to employ an Engineering Assistant CAD/GIS and a Deputy.

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

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Jason Black to employ the following, pending drug screenings:

- Hunter L. Daws as Engineering Assistant CAD/GIS in the Engineering Department
- Jeffery Kilpatrick as a Deputy

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

Items were discussed for the June 7, 2016 agenda.

Economic Development Director, Tom Hill, briefed the commission regarding a tax abatement for Lee Precision Machin Shop, Inc. He said Lee Precision Machine Shop, Inc. moved to Limestone County from the City of Madison in 2005. They invested \$998,912 in a new facility on Highway 72 East and hired 10 new employees bringing their total number of employees to 30. In 2006, they spent \$606,00 on new equipment and committed 6 more jobs. Today they are at 40 employees and 8 new jobs to be added. Lee Precision would like to expand again and would like help in the form of a tax abatement from the Limestone County Commission. The plan to invest \$628,763 in an 8,000 square foot building addition and purchase new metal processing equipment. They are requesting a one-time sales tax abatement of \$10,578 during construction. \$6,338 new sales taxes will go to schools. They also are requesting a property tax abatement for 10 years totaling \$16,298. He stated that \$12,462 in new property taxes will go to the school system. He said Lee Precision has met the qualifications for the abatement request.

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to suspend the Rules of Order to approve six chip sealing projects.

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

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following road projects:

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Road Name	Length in miles	Width in feet	Note	Estimated cost
Toone Road	2.50	14	Chip Seal	\$30,307.00
Old Scrouge Road	.20	18	Chip Seal	\$ 3,464.00
State Line Road	1.00	18	Chip Seal	\$17,319.00
Miller Lane	.20	18	Chip Seal	\$ 3,079.00
East Hope Lane	.20	16	Chip Seal	\$ 3,079.00
West Hope Lane	.10	16	Chip Seal	\$ 1,539.00

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

Commissioner Stanley Hill requested to add to Tuesday's agenda triple shot for Toone Road, Old Scrouge Road, State Line Road, Miller Road, East Hope Lane and West Hope Lane.

Commissioner Ben Harrison has 17 road projects he is proposing to add to Tuesday's agenda.

Adjourned at 11:02 a.m.