

## MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from November 21, 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.

John Stewart, Mickey Fowler, Ronnie Coffman and Billy Cannon addressed the Commission with concerns regarding the proposed subdivision regulations, especially for minor subdivisions. The Engineering department addressed their concerns and said they would look at changing some verbiage to prevent confusion.

Karen Monroe, Director, The Huntsville & Madison County Railroad Authority (HMCR) gave an overview of the Authority. She stated the HMCR was created in 1984 by the State of Alabama as a 501 4(c) railroad. Its purpose is to serve, support and promote industrial growth in Alabama. The HMCR does not receive any appropriations or funding from Federal, State, City or County government, but is a self-funded operation. She stated the HMCR is currently in preliminary discussions at locations in Limestone County, expressing they are working to keep existing rail networks intact or develop additional infrastructure for future opportunities. She said they are not soliciting any financial assistance from Limestone County, neither will Limestone County be liable for any debt associated with the Rail Authority. She explained, as they move ahead, The Railroad Authority would be requesting authorization by the County through resolution to operate within the boundaries of Limestone County, pursuant Alabama State Law that created the Railroad Authority

**MOTION** was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Jason Black to suspend the Rules of Order to hire a Deputy and a Communications Officer.

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 employ the following:

- Justin Bommarito as a Deputy
- Suzanne Collins as a Communications Officer, effective December 5, 2016

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.

Chairman Yarbrough announced the Christmas tree lighting tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

Items were discussed for the December 5, 2016 agenda.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.