

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 12, 2017

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from April 3, 2017 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.

Athens-Limestone E-911 Director R. V. White requested approval from the Commission for Athens/Limestone County Emergency Communications District's improvements to real property that includes 1,100 square feet of new building space and the renovation of 300 square feet of existing space, pursuant to Code of Alabama 11-98-4.

MOTION was made by Stanley Hill and seconded by Steve Turner to suspend the Rules of Order to approve a resolution.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution to give the local Legislative delegation of Limestone County support of HB 487.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission (hereinafter, "the Commission") is the governing body of Limestone County, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama unveiled the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program ("ATRIP") in 2012 as a bold infrastructure initiative to improve Alabama's rapidly deteriorating road and bridge infrastructure, and to generate a positive economic impact and safety improvements for the entire state, and;

WHEREAS, the final deadline for all ATRIP projects is quickly approaching, and the Commission has been advised that momentum heretofore generated from the hundreds of road projects completed under the ATRIP program could otherwise come to a rapid halt, and;

WHEREAS, HB 487 has been introduced in the Alabama Legislature to generate \$1.2 billion for Alabama's 67 counties to be exclusively spent on road and bridge improvements, and;

WHEREAS, under the terms of HB 487 the Limestone County Commission would expect to receive a total of \$20.4 million for road and bridge improvements to fund approximately 230 miles of resurfaced roads and at least 4 new bridges within the County, and;

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WHEREAS, the members of the Commission believe this proposal would significantly impact the residents of Limestone County by improving the County's roads and their safety, economic growth, and the County's overall quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, upon motion having been duly made by Commissioner Jason Black, and seconded by Commissioner Stanley Hill, discussion having been had thereon and a vote having been taken, upon which vote said motion carried;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby give to the local Legislative delegation of Limestone County, Alabama its support of HB 487; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution may be forwarded to the Offices of the local Legislative delegation for Limestone County, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Senate and House Rules Committees as necessary.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 12th day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

Pam Ball, County Clerk/Administrator

Mark Yarbrough, Chairman

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harrison expressed concerns, stating he would like to see a long-term solution to the problem to make revenue match cost. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, nay. Motion carries.

Items were discussed for the April 17, 2017 agenda.

Commissioner Turner discussed the joint Huntsville Brownsferry Road resurfacing project with the City of Huntsville and the City of Madison. He said that District 2 and District 3 are only responsible for the portion in unincorporated Limestone County which is about \$128,000 each.

Commissioner Harrison reported that District 4 is currently working on Parker Road. He said Quinn Road will remain closed until temporary stripes are placed and final inspections and corrections are made.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Steve Turner to enter into executive session for an administrative hearing.

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

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Chairman Yarbrough announced there would be no further business after the executive session except to adjourn. The executive session convened at 10:33 a.m.

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.