

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MAY 31, 2017**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from May 15, 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.

Melanie Newton, Executive Director, Main Street Athens, gave an economic update of downtown Athens.

- Former Greenhaw House located at 121 N. Jefferson Street, has been purchased and is being renovated into a bed and breakfast to be known as the Warten House. She invited the Commission to a Mix & Mingle scheduled on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Warten House.
- E.T. Gray & Sons building located at the corner of Hobbs & Monroe Streets has been purchased and will be restored.
- Optimal Geo, a small business that provides a wide array of geospatial solutions is locating at 118 W. Market Street.
- This year's Athens Saturday Market is scheduled to open on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Limestone County Farmers Market Pavilion.
- The Athens Grease Festival has been scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> and the event has received recognition as a Top 20 Event of 2017. She stated that Main Street Athens had been awarded a grant to help with advertising.

Rebekah Davis, Limestone County Archivist, informed the Commission that the renovations to the Archives building are scheduled to be completed by the end of June. She addressed the Commission regarding the need to close the Archives department during the month of July to allow time to move and set-up for operation.

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Stanley Hill to suspend the Rules of Order to approve a budget revision.

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

**MOTION** was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following budget revision:

Department	Account Number	Title of Line Item	Amount
Market Street Annex	112-59900-231	R & M Building	+\$9,200.00
	112-35910-000	Budgetary Fund Balance	-\$9,200.00

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 Stanley Hill and seconded by Steve Turner to suspend the Rules of Order to employ two Corrections Officers.

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 Ben Harrison and seconded by Steve Turner to employ Gina Allen and Spencer Dollar as Corrections Officers, pending drug screenings.

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.

Items were discussed for the June 6, 2017 agenda.

Adjourned at 10:18 a.m.