

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MAY 16, 2018

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from May 7, 2018 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.

Mr. Ralph Diggins, 100 Willow Street, Athens, requested the Commission to consider lobbying the legislative delegation to add another driver's license examiner. He said the Limestone County Department of Public Safety Driver's License Examiners Office is currently not able to provide the level and volume of support required and with the projected population growth for the county, we have an immediate need.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to suspend the Rules of Order to hire a Communications Officer.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to hire Jesse Tyler as a Communications Officer, pending drug screening.

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.

County Engineer, Bryant Moss, discussed the engineering equipment available for loan to the districts and equipment that an engineering operator is needed to operate. He informed the Commission of the need for an asphalt roller. He discussed leasing a Tandem Steel Wheel Asphalt Roller until next budget. The Commissioners discussed paying for the roller from the Severed Material Fund.

Commissioner Harrison discussed revising the agenda format in the Rules of Procedures to include Conflicts of Interest. A lengthy discussion transpired between the commissioners regarding the basis when they already abstain from voting or participating on matters related to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Harrison said, "It's just calling for any disclosures. You don't have to declare what the conflict is."

Stanley Hill requested to add to the agenda to chip seal Mills Road and Watson Lane. He said his district continues to have a problem with individuals littering. He said, "We cannot pick it up fast enough."

Steve Turner reported that his district is doing some patching and normal every day activities. He commented on how well the spraying program is working.

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Jason Black said littering is also a problem in his district, just this morning he received a call about six pallets and two mattresses that had been dumped on the right-of-way. He announced that a check had been received from the City of Madison in the amount of \$248,653.27 where they paved a section of Burgreen Road. He said he is planning to purchase a Komatsu excavator from the HGAC purchasing cooperative and use his Volvo and Caterpillar excavators as trade-ins.

Ben Harrison reported seeing more tires dumped in his district. He talked with Grant Coordinator Sonya Anthony about the ADEM tire disposal grant and there is a balance of \$600 to be spent by September. He said the company used for the tire disposal has a minimum pick-up of 600 tires.

Items were discussed for the May 21, 2018 agenda.

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.