

**MINTUES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, AUGUST 3, 2020
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from July 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

Stuart Gatlin, CCS Garbage, addressed the commission requesting assistance with the increased dumping fee expense since COVID-19. He said for the months of April through July, the amount they've had to pay for tipping fees had increased \$53,292.69. He contributed the increase in garbage collection to the restaurants being closed and people ordering take-out. He also contributed a portion of the increase to the Recycling Center being closed and people discarding their recyclable materials. He requested assistance from the county's portion of the tipping fees. County Attorney Mark Maclin reminded the commissioners in order to renew a solid waste contract without competitive bidding requires staying under the same contract without any material changes; in which the contract was renewed earlier this year. The commissioners said they would research the matter further to see if there were any exceptions due to COVID-19.

Charles Woodroof, Limestone County Judge of Probate, addressed the commission requesting to change the Elkmont Polling Precinct from Elkmont Town Hall to Elkmont Volunteer Fire Department, at 19667 Sandlin Road, Elkmont, AL 35620, to provide a larger, more effective polling precinct, contingent upon the approval of Elkmont Town Council.

Items were discussed for the August 3, 2020 commission meeting.

The following items were added to the agenda.

Resolution approving to apply for 2020 Community Block Grant (CDBG) funds for improvements to Chapman Hollow Road.

To sell the following on GovDeals:

- District 2 2007 Ford F350
- District 3 Ford utility truck bed
- District 3 18" Caterpillar bulldozer
- District 3 1976 Caterpillar bulldozer
- District 3 Better Built 22.5-ton utility trailer
- District 3 Freightliner Unimog with backhoe and front-end loader attachments
- District 3 F800 Ford roll back

Commissioner Harrison discussed the use of all the dump trucks on district road projects. He said, "We had a gentleman's agreement when we bought the Mack trucks that when we have a paving project, a huge paving project like I had on Easter Ferry Road, during the week of July 20th, it was kind of agreed to that we send all our Mack

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trucks. Here's what happens, you put out a Mack truck full of asphalt in about seven minutes, then return to the asphalt plant that takes about an hour and a half. We have a total of eleven Mack trucks that we could put on these projects. That would be 11 times 7 minutes is 77 minutes. The trip is about an hour and a half or 90 minutes, so you can almost keep a paving machine going constantly instead of having to wait to get trucks back from the plant. Initially we were going to have nine trucks, but then it was only my three trucks, two from engineering and one from district one; we didn't get any trucks from district two and district three. The Easter Ferry project should have been a three-day project, it turned into a five-day project." Commissioner Turner said, "District two's Mack trucks had been in district three for a month until one of them broke down and it's been in the shop now for nine days. We hauled a solid month for the Rebuild Alabama project in my district. We haven't had them sitting still, we've been non-stop hauling slag from Decatur." Commissioner Black said, "We were working on a project that I'd asked to borrow his trucks way before anybody mentioned the Easter Ferry project. Well before anybody ever asked for the use of trucks, we were using my two until one of mine broke down with a hydraulic issue. He had one to breakdown because of the bed, so we only had two trucks hauling at that time. Since we did the chip seal last week on Snake Road, we're doing the rest of it this week. Had we not hauled during that month, we would not be ready for them to have done what they did last week and what we're doing this week because we wouldn't have any material." Commissioner Harrison further discussed how the use of all the Mack trucks on a large project would be more productive and more cost efficient.

Chairman Daly thanked everyone for attending.

Recessed at 9:38 a.m.