

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, OCTOBER 19, 2020
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from October 5, 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.

Dennis Clem, a resident on New Cut Road, addressed the commission due to his concern that he had heard the commission was no longer going to offer the service of burying human graves and animals. Attorney Mark Maclin reported that a local act allows for the excavation of human graves and animals but there are variances in specific situations. Chairman Collin Daly did state that he had no knowledge of this service being terminated, and if the service was to be terminated, it would have to be placed on a meeting agenda.

Items were discussed for the October 19, 2020 commission meeting agenda.

Lucia Cape with the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce informed the Commission that the two tax abatement resolutions for Mazda Toyota and Bocar are extensions for year 11 through year 20. The first 10 years have already been approved. Initially, Bocar was not offered the 20-year abatement, but during construction they ran into significant geological issues that cost them nearly \$7,000,000.00 more than they expected. Attorney Mark Maclin reiterated that the County Commission is just granting the Huntsville IDP the authority to grant the abatement application and to enter into those abatement agreements. Anything past the 10-year mark, Huntsville IDP must seek Limestone County's approval.

There was discussion regarding the reimbursement agreement for re-claiming and paving of 1.4 miles of County Line Road between Lauderdale County and Limestone County. Lauderdale County will bill Limestone County for 0.4 miles at \$58.00 per ton of asphalt. Commissioner Black inquired if Lauderdale County would reimburse Limestone County for the 1.4 miles of re-claiming, and Ben Harrison stated, "No."

County Engineer Marc Massey stated that the contract with Volkert Professional Services for the U.S. Highway 72 and Mooresville Road intersection was due to some environmental issues that came up during the process, so the contract is necessary in order to keep the project moving forward.

Recessed at 9:14 a.m.