

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, DECEMBER 7, 2020
COMMISSION MEETING**

The Limestone County Commission met in a regular meeting today, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Danny Barksdale, Jason Black, and LaDon Townsend. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Martha Griggs introduced Jennifer Baster as the new Public Librarian of the Athens Limestone Public Library.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve the minutes of November 11 & 16, 2020

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Darryl Sammet and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the following claims

11/13/2020	Check # 59740-59793	\$ 616,755.94
11/20/2020	Check # 59794-59851	\$ 580,517.61
11/25/2020	Check # 59852-59919	\$821,117.28
11/30/2020	Check # 59920- 59948	\$476,645.04
	TOTAL	\$2,495,035.87

with detailed claims of the above being on file for review upon request to the County Administrator.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Danny Barksdale to authorize the Chairman to execute the FY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant (#20LOC), in the amount of \$18,942,00

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Jason Black to approve Family Medical leave for Ben Pepper beginning January 20, 2021 and ending on March 3, 2021.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The

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Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by LaDon Townsend to hire Irma Mayela Salgado-Flores as Administrative Clerk, at the License Commission.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Danny Barksdale to hire Andrew Ryan Mihalic and Corry Devon Ayers, as Corrections Officers. pending drug screening.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the following merit increases, which are included in the base pay and cost of living pay as listed below.

Name	Position	Effective Date
Justin Abernathy	Deputy	12/28/2020
Rebekah Davis	Archivist	12/7/2020
Martin Evans	Sergeant	12/3/2020
James Glasgow	Corrections Officer	12/17/2020
Jamie King	Investigator	12/17/2020
Kristin King	Investigator	12/27/2020
Gil Moore	Deputy	12/7/2020
Johnny Morell Jr.	Lieutenant	12/10/2020
William Rogers	Deputy	12/19/2020
Brandon Smith	Corrections Officer	12/27/2020
Shannon D. Thrasher	Sergeant	12/1/2020
Phillip Woodruff	Litter Patrol	12/19/2020

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MOTION was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve the following subdivisions.

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Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Legacy Grove Addition# 11	Major	Final	46	2	East side of Mooresville Rd
Duncan Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	4	North side of New Cut Rd
Penley Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	1	4	¼ mile North of Quinn Rd on the West side of Zehner Rd
Hayes Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	1	1	South side of Shipley Hollow Rd approx. 200' East of Holland gin Rd
Tanner Estates replat of Lot 1 and Lot 8	Minor	Preliminary & Final	1	3	400' South of the intersection of Stewart Rd & George Washington Street
The Pointe – replat Lots 29 - 32	Minor	Preliminary & Final	4	3	Marina Drive across from Peninsula Dr

Commissioner Sammet asked Marc Massey if he had a total number of the lots approved this year, and Engineer Massey quoted that while he did not have an exact number, he believed it was approximately 1,000. Engineer Massey stated that he could report back with an exact number

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MOTION was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following inventory change.

Transfer from	Transfer to	Item	Serial #
District 2	District 4	2017 Ram 2500 PU Inventory # 18980	3C6UR5CL0HG645515
District 4	Council on Aging	2016 Hyundai Elantra Inventory # 18667	5NPDH4AE9GH664175
Parks and Rec	District 2	2019 Ram 1500 Classic Inventory # 19097	1C6RR7FT9KS634798

As to the change of inventory, Commissioner Black inquired about the transfer of money from department to department. He believes that the department that is receiving the inventory should reimburse the department from which it is received. The Chairman said that the money for the vehicles that are being transferred to District 2 and District 4 would be reserved to allow Commissioner Barksdale and Commissioner Townsend to get their budgets in order. The Chairman also said that it is undetermined what will happen with Mike Nave's previous position in Parks and Rec, and that position's truck is

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the one being transferred to District 2. Commissioner Black stated that he wanted to make sure that the monies go back to the correct departments

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MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to close all County Offices for the New Year's Eve holiday.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Transitional Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Sammet commented that Black Road is still closed due to the State raising the interstate bridge. Commissioner Sammet stated that he spoke with the State on Friday and is hopeful that once the shoulders are built and the guard rails are up then it can be re-opened. Commissioner Sammet also apologized for the inconvenience and hoped it would be opened for Christmas.

Commissioner Barksdale did not have anything to report.

Commissioner Black made some comments on the document that was distributed by Commissioner Barksdale during the work session. The document portion in regard to garbage pick-up, Commissioner Black said that he thought it would be a good idea to have an opportunity to further discuss this issue due to the fact that the districts have mattresses, couches, televisions and furniture dumped regularly. He stated, "At the end of the day, if we end up having to pick up old televisions, mattresses and furniture, it may be more of a headache than the \$3.00 charge." Commissioner Black also mentioned the impact fees that Commissioner Barksdale discussed with his advisory committee, and Commissioner Black stated that the "impact fee is really just another tax, and I am not for raising any taxes." Commissioner Black commented that he didn't know how we could enforce the fee on someone that purchases an acre lot for a house trailer compared to a company that puts in 50 houses. Commissioner Black commented that he wanted to bring this issue up in a public meeting so that there can be further discussion in the future

Commissioner Townsend stated that tiles were replaced on Bailey and Blakely Roads and paving will happen once the tiles settle. He cautioned that there will be some potholes created but they will be back to fill those potholes with gravel, and they are trying to make the surface as smooth as possible until they are able to pave. Commissioner Townsend also commented that they are about to start repairing Chapman Hollow Road due to some drainage issues, and they will be installing driveway pipes and cross drains. After the first of the year, some trees will be removed on a small curve section on Easter Ferry Road. Commissioner Townsend also informed that paint crews are coming back to paint the edges and redo center lines on New Cut Road.

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Chairman Daly thanked Michelle Williamson for working the Christmas parade and suggesting the live stream of the parade which was conducted by John David Crowe and Jerome and Tiffany Malone. Commissioner Daly acknowledged that Michelle has some great ideas, and she is a great asset to the county. The Chairman thanked the head of the parade committee, Blake Williams, and thanked the commissioners for coming out to the Christmas tree lighting. The Chairman thanked Terry Acuff who helped with a much-needed grant for Chapman Hollow Road and noted that to receive a grant for a road situation is unusual. The Chairman thanked his office staff and thanked everyone for their attendance, and in addition, wished everyone a safe holiday season.

Adjourned at 10:24 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020, at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.