

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, DECEMBER 21, 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.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve the following claims

12/04/2020	Check # 59949 - 60006	\$1,017,089.01
12/08/2020	Check # 60007	\$ 28,248.00
12/11/2020	Check # 60008 - 60073	\$ 447,949.71
12/11/2020	Check # 60074	\$ 766.35
12/11/2020	Check # 60075	<u>\$ 277.25</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,494,330.32

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

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by LaDon Townsend to award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded to	Amount
2738	Printing Business Cards (County Commission)	Blink Marketing	\$ 360.00
2739	Printing Tag Mail Notices (License Commission)	Peregrine Services, Inc.	\$6,880.00

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

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MOTION was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve the following personnel actions which are included in the list below:

- Promote Sam Long to Equipment Operator II in District;
- Approve to hire Donna Powell as full-time driver for Council on Aging;
- Transfer Dean Murray from Deputy Sheriff to part-time SRO effective January 1, 2021;
- Transfer Amy Abercrombie from part-time SRO to Deputy Sheriff effective January 1, 2021; and
- Approve to hire Rolan Hipolito as a Corrections Officer, pending drug screening.

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Danny Barksdale 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
Matthew Williamson	Equipment Operator III	12/17/2020
Sarah Ennis	Senior Center Aide	12/30/2020

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

MOTION was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following subdivisions:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Hampton Hills Subdivision Replat tracts 47 & 48 & part of tracts 39 & 46	Minor	Preliminary & Final	1	4	East of Granary Way & Hampton Cove Way intersection
The Ridge Phase 3	Major	Final	19	2	Approx. 1400' south of Landview Lane & Pepper Road intersection

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MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to authorize County Administrator Ellen Morell to sign bank transactions for Limestone County Commission, effective December 28, 2020, and remove signatory of Pam Carter

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to remove the following from inventory:

Department	Item	Inventory #	Serial #
Engineering	Ferguson B-105 B Roller	17782	651
Engineering	Barber Green Asphalt Paver	17802	BG260X6JD

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

MOTION was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Danny Barksdale to transfer the following inventory:

Transfer from	Transfer to	Item	Inventory #
EMA	Engineering	2006 Ford F250 Truck	9741

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

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve to sell the following on GovDeals:

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Department	Item	Inventory #	Serial #
Engineering	Asphalt Zipper	N/A	50000397
Engineering	1991 Mack CH 613 Dump Truck	19067	1M2AA12YOMKL010956
Engineering	12' Dozer Blade for TD - 15 Dozer	N/A	N/A
Engineering	2008 International 4300 M7 Cab & Chassis Truck	18830	1HTJT5KM39H095890
District 4	Superstructure Container Crane	19066	3810-01-497-1001
District 4	1993 Ford F700 Dump Truck	17549	1FDXK74C5BVA11996
District 4	Portable shower unit with water heater	N/A	N/A
District 4	Assorted overhead lights	N/A	N/A
District 4	Water pump	N/A	N/A
District 4	Downing model 2001 reflective marker application trailer	19117	N/A

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Commissioner Sammet commented that Black Road is finally open and that the project originally was scheduled to last two-weeks but ended up lasting three months. Commissioner Sammet stated, "I would like to mention 2020 was tough on all of the departments. Everybody did such a great job. Also, our paving season went really well, and we paved more asphalt surfaces last year in this county than in the previous five or six years. Thanks to our legislators who have seen fit to support gas tax, and it really helped us especially with revenues coming in lower than anticipated. Marc and his crew put together a plan and made it work for the county. I really appreciate the job that all of the departments have done through this COVID issue, and hopefully, it will be better next year." Commissioner Sammet mentioned that the garbage service would be picking up on Thursday and encouraged residents to make sure their garbage was placed outside early and doing so would allow garbage service employees to finish early and allow time to enjoy the holiday. Commissioner Sammet wished everyone a safe, happy holiday and prosperous 2021 with hopes that 2021 would be better than 2020.

Commissioner Barksdale did not have anything to report.

Commissioner Black stated, "This is the last meeting of 2020, and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also want to thank our employees that have relentlessly worked during 2020." He commented that while most departments can run on a "skeleton crew", the Sheriff's Office cannot close even with the rampant sickness and expressed his appreciation for the front-line workers. Commissioner Black further stated, "Debbie Blakely passed away, and I knew Debbie for 51 years. I remember Debbie as an early 20-year-old girl, and she was always super sweet to me. She was the first to give me a compliment and the first to point out when I did something wrong. She was fair across the board." Commissioner Black commented that there have been so many people that have experienced sickness and death, and he currently has two friends that are very sick and requested prayers for them both.

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Commissioner Townsend thanked all of the county employees and said, "The short time that I have been here, I have noticed that the county employees work hard. The guys out in our district come in every day and give it their all." Commissioner Townsend also stated that he wanted to recognize Brian Robinson, who will be retiring at the end of the month. Commissioner Townsend said that he wanted to thank Brian for the years of service and that Brian had been a good employee with an upbeat attitude and felt that his crew would miss Brian a lot. Commissioner Townsend ended his comments wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairman Daly expressed his condolences to the Sheriff as to the passing of his wife, Debbie Blakely. Chairman stated, "So many people have lost loved ones this year. I have had two employees in my office that have lost parents this year," and the Chairman encouraged families to express their love for one another because we aren't promised tomorrow. The Chairman stated, "I am thankful to Limestone County for allowing me to sit here, and the citizens of our county are very important to me. Limestone County is a great place to live and to raise a family." The Chairman also stated, "The staff of Limestone County are the people behind us, and they are the ones that make us what we are. I want to publicly thank Pam for the service that she has given this county. People do not realize that I could call her any time whether she was on vacation or out of the office. She has been a great employee, and I want to thank her for her service here at the county. I want to welcome Ellen who will officially be the County Administrator." The Chairman also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Chairman requested a motion to move into Executive Session which was to discuss security issue plans and that no action would be taken during the Executive Session.

Adjourned at 10:31 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.