

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MARCH 15, 2021  
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting today from March 1, 2021 at 9:00 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.

Items were discussed for the March 1, 2021 commission meeting agenda.

Under "Personnel Actions", item No. 5 was added to the meeting agenda to hire Audrey Rose Kilpatrick as Administrative Clerk in the License Commission Office.

After the Engineer's Report, Chairman Collin Daly brought up the need for the possible purchase of an additional asphalt spreader to assist in the Rebuild Alabama projects, and other upcoming projects. Commissioner Jason Black stated, "So much money was being saved by paving the roads with our own guys." Commissioner Black further stated, "\$434,000.00 sounds like a lot of money but that equals about three miles of us paying someone else to pave. It's approximately \$130,000.00 or \$135,000.00 a mile. If we can purchase a spreader for \$434,000.00 and then use it for five to six years, we will have saved that money the first time we ever drop it on the road." Chairman Daly stated, "It will make us as twice as efficient, and we can save about \$800,000.00 if we can do the work ourselves." Commissioner Daryl Sammet noted that the machine that is currently in use is worn out and stated, "It is going to go out during the middle of the season." Commissioner Danny Barksdale stated, "I think with the consolidation of the industry, it is important that we maintain some independence to do it ourselves." Commissioner Daly noted that he would bring the purchase issue up at the next meeting.

Assistant Engineer, Hunter Daws, also reported that IVM Solutions finished up spraying on Saturday and to let him know if they hear of or find any spots that have been missed.

Chairman Daly reported that the Commission will go into Executive Session at today's meeting after the report of officers and that there will be no action taken.

Commissioner Danny Barksdale stated, "I have run across the Alabama Limited Self-Governance Act and it deals with the County's authority as to weeds, junk yards, litter and rubbish, noise, pollution, unsanitary sewage and animal control. This is something that the commission can vote on to put on a ballot, and I was just wanting to get my fellow commissioners' feelings on this act." Commissioner Black stated, "I'm 100% against it. I can tell you other counties that have had it, and it ends up being that you infringe on people's private property rights." Commissioner Black went on to give some examples of his point of view, and Attorney Mark Maclin noted that should this Act be voted on and enforced, it would most likely require additional staff to enforce. Commissioner Barksdale stated, "I am a personal property rights guy but when it gets off their property that goes by the wayside. Maybe LaDon and Daryl can look at it and tell me their thoughts."

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Commissioner Jason Black reported that Rogers Group had helped with Laughmiller and Airport Roads, and Vulcan had helped with Airport Road. Their donations towards the improvement and repairs of these roads were appreciated.

Recessed until 10:00 a.m.