

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 5, 2021  
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting today at 9:00 a.m. from the specially set meeting held on March 30, 2021 at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Ms. Elaine Reese addressed the Commission regarding ditch issues and requested trimming of limbs. Commissioner Jason Black and County Engineer Marc Massey agreed to review the ditch situation, and Commissioner Black agreed to trim the limbs to clear the obstructed view from Ms. Reese's driveway.

Ms. Tanya Aycock addressed the Commission regarding a water retention issue on her property. County Engineer Marc Massey has been working with a neighboring subdivision engineer, and Mr. Massey stated, "I believe these issues can be worked out before any final approval is given."

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

Items were discussed for the April 5, 2021 commission meeting agenda.

**Budget Revisions:**

It was noted that the budget revision was for the purchase of a truck and trailer for District 1 Solid Waste. The current truck has been in the shop for a couple of weeks, and the Engineering Department has loaned a truck for use until the truck and trailer can be replaced.

**Board Appointments:**

Chairman Daly commented that the Pryor Field Airport Authority is a partnership between Limestone County, Madison County, Morgan County and Decatur City.

**Engineer's Report:**

Engineer Marc Massey commented that they had several calls regarding the speed of trucks on Newby Road going north from Gray Road to Highway 72, and that he had spoken to Rogers Group about the truck speeds. Rogers Group stated that they monitor all of their trucks and they are not speeding. Mr. Massey noted that after reviewing the ALDOT county road design policy that the max speed for this roadway width is supposed to be 35 miles per hour for trucks. Mr. Massey also discussed the paving project list and informed the Commission that last year they put out approximately 20,000 tons of asphalt.

Commissioner Barksdale stated, "If you look on the paving schedule, there's Providence Drive in Legacy Grove, and we are having to repave the road before the subdivision is completely finished. That subdivision was paved before Marc got here, and I am grateful

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to him for instituting some subdivision regulations where we inspect these roads before they are accepted by the county. He has done a good job of that, and hopefully in the future, we will see less of paving before the subdivision is complete.”

**Other Business:**

Engineer Massey brought up the purchase of the rubber tire asphalt paver from Roadtec through H-GAC which is a cooperative bid. He stated, “When I got here six years ago, we had a paver that had not necessarily been used and there was a learning curve that needed to take place, but our crew has really advanced and is doing a good job. They have really advanced beyond what the capability of the paver that we have, and the current paver is really not designed to put the tons of asphalt that has been put through it over the last six years, and especially the 20,000 tons of asphalt from this past year. I know that right now we are looking at another busy paving season, and this paver really would give us a lot more capability as to smoothing out some of our mainline paving, so our wearing surfaces have grade and slope control.” Mr. Massey further commented that the capability of this new machine would assist with helping bring some of the asphalt costs down.”

Chairman Daly introduced the declaration of April 11<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup> as National Telecommunicators Week and stated, “People don’t realize how effective telecommunicators are and are the first line of defense during an emergency. They are highly unrecognized, but we greatly appreciate them.”

**Recess:** until 10:00 a.m.