

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JUNE 8, 2021  
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 Danny Barksdale to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021

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

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the following claims

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| 5/14/2021 | Check # 61511 - 61579 | \$ 478,905.95    |
| 5/21/2021 | Check # 61580 - 61639 | \$ 669,956.63    |
| 5/28/2021 | Check # 61640 - 61719 | \$ 1,550,146.93  |
| 5/28/2021 | Check # 61720         | \$ VOID          |
| 5/28/2021 | Check # 61721         | \$ <u>576.92</u> |
|           | TOTAL                 | \$ 2,699,586.43  |

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

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Danny Barksdale to authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution to authorize a civil action against Saddle Trail property under the junk and debris Act.

Regarding the Resolution concerning the civil action on Saddle Trail, Attorney Mark Maclin commented that this was Commissioner Sammet very last resort and that the typical process of a complaint being referred to the Health Department was conducted. Attorney Maclin reported a Health Department representative would inspect to see if there was a violation, and if there was a violation then a citation would be given to the owner with an opportunity to clean up the area. Attorney Maclin further reported that this process had actually occurred a "couple of times" and the property owner has been non-responsive. Commissioner Sammet stated, "This has been an ongoing thing for over three years, and we can't get any response. It has gotten to be a serious health issue, and I think it needs to be addressed."

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Act No. 1994-672, now set forth at Alabama Code §45-42-170 and those following, is known and referred to as the Junk & Debris laws for Limestone County, Alabama (hereinafter "the Act"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Act expressly allows for the Limestone County Commission to commence a civil action in the name of the Limestone County Commission in the Circuit Court of Limestone County, Alabama to abate or enjoin any public nuisances under the Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the Act it is unlawful and constitutes a public nuisance, among other things, for the owner or other person in charge or control of the premises within the unincorporated territory of Limestone County to fail to keep the premises clean and free from garbage, refuse, litter, junk, debris, trash, and other non-decorative matter which may, but is not limited to, offend the esthetics of the community or threaten the health and safety of any citizen; and,

**WHEREAS**, the premises located at 27652 Saddle Trail Road in the unincorporated territory of Limestone County, Alabama has been cited by the Limestone County Health Department as being in violation of the Act for failing to clean up junk, trash, debris and other matter, and such conditions continue to exist; and;

Upon motion having been made by Commissioner Daryl Sammet and seconded by Commissioner Danny Barksdale, discussion had thereon, a vote taken, and by a vote of 4 to 0 said motion did carry;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Limestone County Commission the County Attorney, T. Mark Maclin and the firm of Wilmer & Lee, P.A., is authorized to bring a civil legal

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action in the name of the Limestone County Commission against the believed owner(s) and person(s) in charge of the said premises for the enforcement of the Act and any and all relief which may be allowed or awarded under the Act, and the Chairman of the Limestone County Commission shall be authorized to execute any and all such documents, pleadings, and the like which may be necessary in the furtherance of the matters herein resolved.

**DONE and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

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**Collin Daly, Chairman  
Limestone County Commission**

**ATTEST:**

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**County Administrator**

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

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to submit a COPS grant for funding three new Deputies. Cost of three Deputies for three years is approximately \$567,000. COPS grant will fund up to \$125,000 per new hire. The grant will be \$375,000 with a County match of \$192,000.

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services



## Fact Sheet

[cops.usdoj.gov](http://cops.usdoj.gov)

The **FY 2021 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)** is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. CHP provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new or rehire additional career law enforcement officers and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

The FY 2021 CHP award program is an open solicitation. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 134,000 officers.

COPS Office hiring programs like CHP assist law enforcement agencies in advancing public safety by enhancing their community policing efforts. In a changing economic climate, these programs help state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies maintain sufficient sworn personnel levels to keep their communities safe.

**WHEN:** Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **June 15, 2021**, at 7:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **June 22, 2021**, at 7:59 p.m. ET. **Start EARLY.** This is more than a one day process.

**WHERE: 1.** Register at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**2.** Complete the application in <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>.

**HOW:** Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

### **Supporting Local Law Enforcement in Advancing Community Policing so Communities can Thrive**

More than 25 years after its establishment by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, the COPS Office continues to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies across the country to develop creative and innovative ways to meet long-standing challenges in their communities. To date, the COPS Office has funded the addition of more than 13,000 state, local, and tribal law

### **Funding Provisions**

FY 2021 CHP awards will provide up to 75 percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits for each approved position for a three-year period. There is a minimum 25 percent local cash match (cost share) requirement unless a waiver is approved. The maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000 over the

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three-year period unless a local match waiver is approved. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the recipient agency.

Funding under this program will support three years of officer or deputy salaries within a five-year period of performance to accommodate the training and recruitment time frame. Agencies must retain each CHP-funded position for 12 months following the three-year funding for that position. The additional officer positions should be added to your agency's law enforcement budget with state or local funds (or both) over and above the number of locally funded officer positions that would have existed in the absence of the award. Absorbing CHP-funded positions through attrition (rather than adding the extra positions to your budget with additional funding) does not meet the retention requirement.

Funding under this program may be used to do the following: (1) hire new officers (including filling existing officer vacancies that are no longer funded in an agency's budget); (2) rehire officers already laid off (at the time of application) as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions unrelated to the receipt of award funding; or (3) rehire officers scheduled to be laid off (at the time of application) on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions unrelated to the receipt of award funding. CHP applicants may request funding in one or more of these three hiring categories.

In FY 2021, agencies may request the number of officer positions necessary to support their proposed community policing strategy. Please keep in mind that there is a minimum 25 percent local cash match and a 12-month retention period for each officer position funded. The COPS Office will fund as many positions as possible for successful applicants; however, the number of officer positions requested by an agency may be reduced based on the availability of funding and other programmatic considerations. Additional consideration for FY 2021 CHP funding. These military veterans may be in any of the three hiring categories described under "Funding Provisions," not just new hires.

Additional consideration will be provided to agencies that commit to hiring officers from the communities in which they will serve and to agencies that commit to hiring officers willing to relocate to areas characterized by fragmented relations between police and community residents or areas of high crime. Additional consideration may also be provided to applicants who experienced an unanticipated catastrophic event. All agencies that report that they have experienced a catastrophic event will be required to submit an attachment documenting the event or incident as part of their application. Additional consideration will also be provided to agencies in states with certain anti-human trafficking laws that treat minors engaged in commercial sex as victims (referred to as "safe harbor" laws) or permit individuals to vacate arrest or prosecution records for nonviolent offenses as a result of being trafficked.

Additional consideration will also be provided to agencies from rural areas, agencies that did not receive a CHP award in FY20, agencies in counties with persistent poverty, and agencies that require evidence-based culture sensitivity training for officers. CHP recipients who use CHP funding to deploy school resource officers (SRO) will also be required to submit a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the law enforcement agency and the school partners. In addition, all applicants who receive FY 2021 CHP funding for SROs will be required to send each awarded SRO position to a regionally based training sponsored and subsidized by the COPS Office. Additional information about this training requirement will be provided to recipients at the time of award or shortly thereafter.

The COPS Office may grant a waiver of some or all an applicant's local match requirement. During the application review process, waiver requests will be evaluated based on a demonstration of severe fiscal distress.

The COPS Office statutory no supplanting requirement mandates that CHP funds must be used to supplement (increase) state, local, or BIA funds that would have been dedicated toward sworn officer positions if federal funding had not been awarded. CHP award funds must not be used to supplant (replace) local funds that agencies otherwise would have devoted to sworn officer hiring. The hiring or rehiring of officers under CHP must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, officers who otherwise would have been hired or rehired with state, local, or BIA funds.

CHP awards provide funding for three years (36 months) of entry-level salary for each position awarded. The award period of performance is five years (60 months) to accommodate the hiring process.

Retained CHP-funded positions should be added to the recipient's law enforcement budget with state or local funds to increase the number of locally funded sworn officer positions that would have existed in the absence of the award.

Applicants are required to affirm in their CHP award application that their agency plans to retain any additional officer positions funded following the expiration of the award and identify their planned sources of retention funding.

### **Highlights of FY 2021 CHP**

Additional consideration in the application review process will be given to applicants that propose a community-based approach to the following problem/focus areas: Building Legitimacy and Trust, Violent Crime (particularly gun violence), Police-Based Response to Persons in Crisis, and Combating Hate and Domestic Extremism. If awarded CHP funding, recipients that chose any of these specific community policing problem areas will not be allowed to change the problem area post-award.

Under FY 2021 CHP, new-hire officer positions are not required to be military veterans. However, because the COPS Office supports the priority to hire military veterans whenever possible, applicants who commit to hiring or rehiring at least one military veteran under CHP will receive

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**Step 5.** Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov.

**Deadline to complete this step is June 15, 2021, at 7:59 p.m.**

**Step 6.** Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants System.

**Step 7.** Complete and submit the second part of your application in JustGrants (<https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov>).

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

Complete application packages for the FY 2021 CHP solicitation are due by June 22, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET.

**How to Apply**

**Step 1.** Obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number or confirm your existing DUNS number.

**Step 2.** Register with the SAM (System of Award Management) database or confirm or renew your existing SAM registration.

**Step 3.** Confirm your entity's electronic business point of contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM.

**Step 4.** Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

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

**MOTION** was made by Danny Barksdale and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the following budget revisions:

| Department  | Account Number | Title of Line Item                     | Amount      |
|-------------|----------------|--|-------------|
| Engineering | 112-53600-225  | Operating Lease Construction Equipment | + 15,529.50 |
|             | 112-35910      | Budgetary FB                           | -15,529.50  |

County Engineer, Marc Massey, informed the Commission that there was a need for a new motorized sweeper broom and that the old one was over heating and the engine has gone out. Mr. Massey proposed to lease a new motorized sweeper broom from Thompson Caterpillar through the Source well Purchasing Cooperative. Mr. Massey stated, the lease price would be \$2,550.00 a month, and we could do that through paving season and then decide in the budget hearings how we want to proceed. Thompson Caterpillar will apply 100% of the first six months lease payments to the purchase price, so we will not be out of anything.” Engineer Massey further informed the Commission that earlier in the year, approximately \$20,000.00 in scrap and outdated equipment was sold, and he was looking to apply this \$20,000.00 towards the \$15,000.00.

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

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Danny Barksdale to remove David Seibert from the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama Board of Directors and appoint Johnny Turner to serve with term ending June 8, 2027.

Chairman Daly publicly thanked David Seibert for serving on the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama Board of Directors and for Johnny Turner filling that position.

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

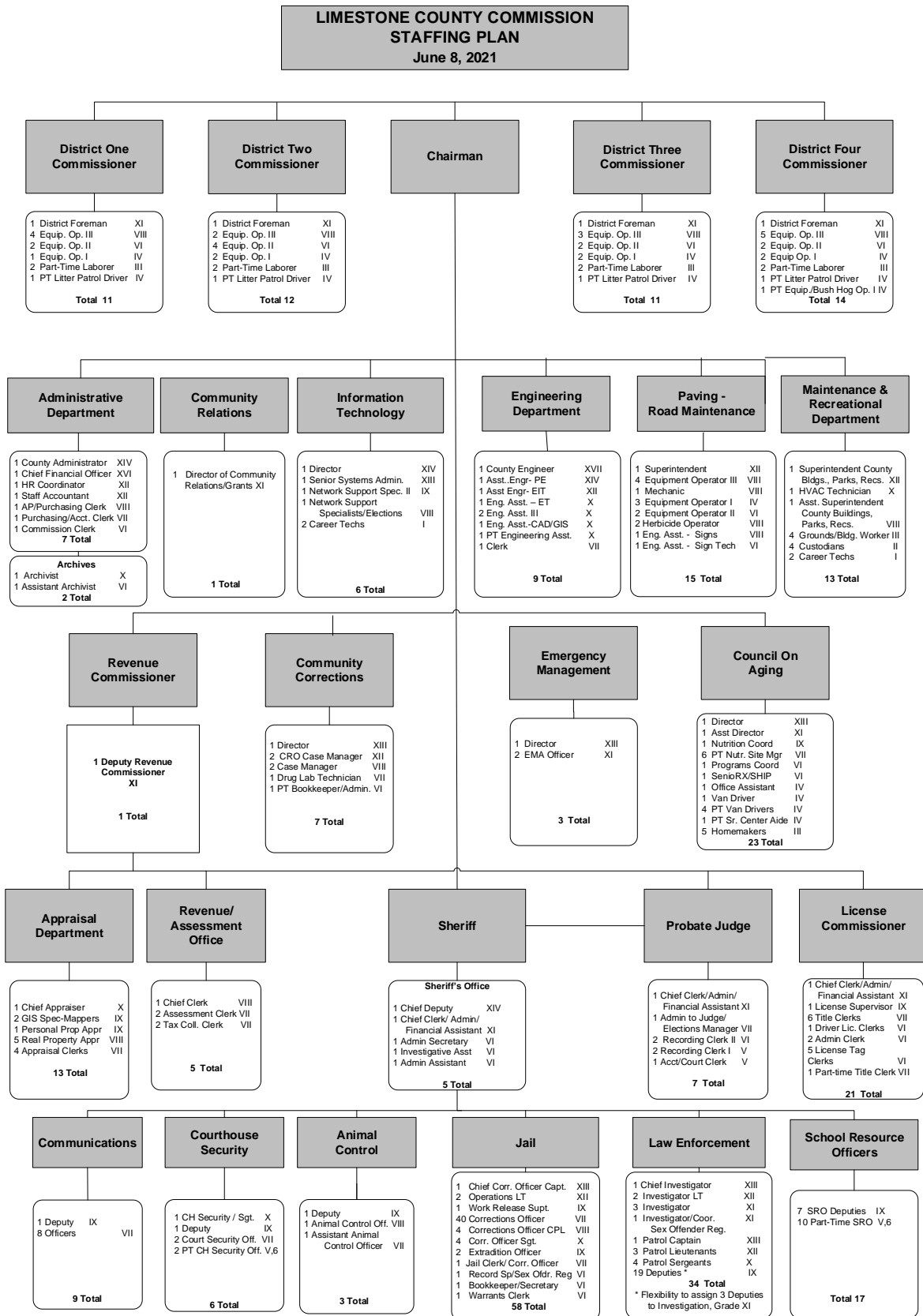
**MOTION** was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Daryl Sammet to award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

| Proposal No. | Item   | Award to                    | Amount   |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| 2755         | Printing Operation Fund Checks (Limestone County Commission) | Printers & Stationers, Inc. | \$789.00 |

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

**MOTION** was made by Danny Barksdale and seconded by LaDon Townsend to Amend the License Commission Staffing Plan to reflect 1 Part-time Title Clerk Position- grade VII and 5 License Tag Clerks- grade VI.



The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. there was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Danny Barksdale, aye; LaDon Townsend, 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 promote Amanda Morgan to Community Corrections Director.

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

**MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Danny Barksdale approve the following subdivisions:

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|  | <b>S/D</b> | <b>Approval</b> |  |  |  |
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| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Type</b> | <b>Type</b>         | <b>Lots</b> | <b>District</b> | <b>Location</b>  |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Piney Chapel Estates  | Minor       | Preliminary & Final | 17          | 1               | Approx. 550' east of the intersection of Piney Chapel Rd & Dugger Rd                     |
| Reece Estates Subdivision<br>- replat Tract 4                     | Minor       | Preliminary & Final | 2           | 3               | 16371 Brownsferry Rd   |
| Motes Subdivision   | Minor       | Preliminary & Final | 2           | 1               | West end of Mason Woodfin Rd   |
| Big Creek Farm Subdivision<br>Northeast<br>- replat Lot 1 & Lot 2 | Minor       | Preliminary & Final | 3           | 4               | West side of Tillman Mill Rd approx. 1 mile south of the Elk River Mills Rd intersection |
| Naylor Subdivision  | Minor       | Preliminary & Final | 4           | 3               | North side of Brownsferry Rd close to the intersection of Carter Rd                      |
| Gatlin Acres Phase III – replat of Gatlin Acres Phase II          | Minor       | Preliminary & Final | 10          | 3               | NW corner intersection of Cedar Acres Lane & Cedar Acres Dr.                             |
| Highland Ridge Phase II   | Major       | Preliminary         | 56          | 2               | SW corner intersection of Nick Davis Rd & Jones Rd                                       |

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

Commissioner Daryl Sammet reported that the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting this morning and all the State representatives were there and were very informative. Commissioner Sammet also expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Black for his service on the Legislative Board.

Commissioner Jason Black reported that he would start cutting the sides of the roads since the spraying had been completed.

Commissioner LaDon Townsend informed the Commission that the pipe can now be ordered for the Chapman Hollow project and urged everyone to be on watch for all of the workers in that area.

Chairman Collin Daly thanked everyone for attending and commented that he was able to attend the Veteran's Program at the Veteran's Museum and what a great job the Veteran's Museum had done with the old Event Center. Chairman Daly further commented that he too attended the meeting this morning with the State representatives, and they were very informative.

**Adjourned:** Adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021, at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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Collin Daly, Chairman

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Daryl Sammet, D-I Commissioner

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Jason Black, D-III Commissioner

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Danny Barksdale, D-II Commissioner

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LaDon Townsend, D-IV Commissioner