

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 1, 2021  
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from October 18, 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.

Public comments were made to the Commission by the following citizens:

- 1) Ms. Sherry Dobbins;
- 2) Mr. Bryan Lorge;
- 3) Mr. Will Woodruff;
- 4) Mr. Bernard Simelton;
- 5) Mr. Kenneth Hines;
- 6) Ms. Diane Steele; and
- 7) Mr. Eugene Hines.

These citizens addressed the Commission regarding their concerns about the proposed new district boundary lines (re-districting) and the effects they feel will affect African Americans. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:

- 1) The need for a public hearing regarding the re-districting of District 3;
- 2) The need to ensure people have a fair and equitable say in their government;
- 3) To consider some alternative or additional districts and/or consider cumulative voting;
- 4) The possible violation of The Voting Rights Act;
- 5) The suggestion to re-organize Limestone County in order to give black people a realistic chance of electing a black person to the Limestone County Commission and the concern of the absence of black voices among elected officials; and
- 6) Pessimistic views of the Commission, and the lack of empathy towards African Americans.

There was extensive discussion regarding the above concerns.

To "Approve a resolution to accept the new district boundary lines in order to equalize population among the four districts" was removed from the Commission meeting agenda.

Commissioner Townsend stated he would be abstaining from a vote in the Commission meeting regarding a personnel matter.

Engineer Massey informed the Commission that the approval for Highland Ridge Subdivision needed to be removed from the Commission meeting agenda.

Recessed until 10:00 a.m.