

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MARCH 21, 2022
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from March 7, 2022 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: Collin Daly, Chairman. Commissioner Jason Black presided as Chairman.

Ms. Marilyn Warner, Mr. Mark Richardson, and Mr. Paul Gibbs addressed the commission about their concerns regarding the subdividing of lot 5, block 1 in Martin Branch Subdivision.

Mr. Richard Locklair, the owner of lot 5, block 1 in Martin Branch Subdivision commented that he was not aware of any restrictions or covenants that would prevent him from subdividing the lot, but he and his wife were willing to look into the matter.

Mr. Robert McClear, Mr. Richard McLary and Ms. Linda Shipe expressed their concerns regarding the intersection at Menefee Road and Nick Davis Road and requested a speed limit reduction.

Mr. Harold Booth addressed the commission regarding the need of internet in the area of his residence.

Items were discussed for today's commission meeting agenda.

As to the sub-dividing of lot 5, block 1 in Martin Branch Subdivision, Engineer Marc Massey commented that all subdivision regulations had been met and that the adjacent property owners were notified as required by the state statute. Commissioner Black reported that the vote will only be on the sub-dividing of the lot and not what is placed on the lot. Engineer Massey commented that whatever was being placed/built on the lot would be a civil matter. Commissioner Barksdale commented that government enforcing something that a property owner or property seller put in a deed was not something that he felt government needed to start enforcing.

Commissioner Barksdale reported that the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" will be used to establish what kind of devices are needed for intersections such as the intersection of Menefee Road and Nick Davis Road.

Engineer Massey discussed the proposed paving schedule and the unavailability of concrete drainage/driveway pipe.

Commissioner Barksdale made a statement regarding his disagreement with the county providing the services of burying cattle and digging of cemetery graves. Commissioner Black expressed his opinion in support of continuing the services of burying cattle and digging of cemetery graves but felt that these issues should be further discussed.

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Commissioner Sammet expressed his appreciation to the citizens that attended to discuss the intersection issue, and he felt that distracted driving (phones) were the major cause of accidents at intersections. Commissioner Sammet stated, "I guarantee you that this Commission will do all they can to make those intersections safer."

Commissioner Barksdale discussed the CDL training offered at Calhoun, the sinking of the road on Dupree Worthey due to the City of Huntsville installing a sewer line, the need to put weight limits on roads, and the issue of residents placing junk on the side of the road.

Commissioner Black reported that some of the ARPA funds are being used for broadband and it will be a "blanket service". Commissioner Black commented that he realized that the issue of not having broadband services is widespread, and that the Commission and the state government cares being they are the ones helping to receive the monies for broadband.

Commissioner Townsend thanked everyone for attending and voicing their concerns. Commissioner Townsend stated as to the broadband, "We do have a plan," and thanked Michelle Williamson for her hard work on the broadband plan.

Commissioner Black informed everyone that the reason for Chairman Daly's absence was due to him becoming a grandfather.

Adjourned until 10:00 a.m.