

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 4, 2022  
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from March 21, 2022 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 presided as Chairman.

Items were discussed for today's commission meeting agenda.

Mr. Bryan Lorge and Mr. David Williams addressed the Commission regarding their concerns with the closing of the Athens-Limestone Recycling Center.

Mr. Charles "Chuck" Moore addressed the Commission regarding an on-going animal control issue which consists of one of his neighbor's cows and donkey repeatedly escaping the fence and ending up on Mr. Moore's and other neighbor's property.

During the "Engineer's Report" it was noted that the lots for Nick Davis Subdivision should be in District 2 instead of District 3 and there should be 3 lots listed instead of 2 lots.

Engineer Massey gave an update on the delivery of the new dump trucks and tractor. Engineer Massey also informed the Commission the milling machine trial went well and discussed the pros and options for purchasing same. The Commission was in favor.

Engineer Massey also gave an update regarding a traffic signal on Highway 72 and informed they are trying to get an electrical contractor on site to fix a broken wire.

Commissioner Daryl Sammet expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lorge, Mr. Williams and Mr. Moore for addressing the Commission. Commissioner Sammet reassured Mr. Lorge and Mr. Williams that he felt all the Commissioners were committed to finding a solution to keep landfills from filling up. Commissioner Sammet further commented on the animal control issue, and he made the point that a citizen that owns animals is liable and responsible for those animals.

Commissioner Danny Barksdale reported to the Commission that he had been researching the issue of having damage to the roads by heavy trucks and suggested incorporating a bond requirement for developers. There was extensive discussion between the Commissioners regarding this issue. Commissioner Barksdale also brought up the sewer line issue on Dupree Worthey Road and the need to inspect it from a public safety standpoint.

Commissioner Jason Black addressed Mr. Moore's animal control issue and reminded the Commission that the contract for animal control/veterinarian services would be coming up again soon at budget hearings. Commissioner Black suggested that if the other Commissioners were looking to make changes to those services that, that process needed to be started, but that he was not going to be looking into making any changes to the current animal control/veterinarian services.

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Commissioner LaDon Townsend expressed his appreciation to the citizens that came regarding the recycling issue and informed that the Commission is looking into this issue. Commissioner Townsend also expressed his appreciation to Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful for the river clean-up that occurred over the past weekend, and he also gave a report regarding Easter Ferry Road.

Chairman Collin Daly reported that should a citizen be unable to attend a Commission work session or meeting, there is an option for a citizen to send in their public comments via email, and Mr. Ken Fox sent in an email addressing the burial of animals. A copy of that email was distributed to the Administrator and to all the Commissioners. Chairman Daly also stated the month of April is autism and childhood abuse awareness month and expressed his appreciation to the Child Advocacy Center. The Chairman further made notice that March 29<sup>th</sup> was made as "Vietnam Veteran's Day". The Chairman made final comments regarding the dissolution of the KALB Board and how that dissolution affects the process of closing the Athens-Limestone Recycling Center in addition to how the process affects the Commission in moving forward with a new recycling program, which he feels the Commission is committed to doing.

Recessed until 10:00 a.m.