

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 18, 2022
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from April 4, 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, Chairman presided.

Allyn Griffin with CASA of North Alabama addressed the Commission regarding the need for office space in Limestone County. Mr. Griffin requested the Commission to allow them to use vacant office space located in the Community Corrections' office for a period of no more than two years.

Bethany Schockney with Limestone County Economic Development addressed the Commission regarding the request to grant North Alabama Laser, Inc. an abatement of taxes and stated that the Limestone County Economic Development recommends the approval of said abatement.

Items were discussed for today's commission meeting agenda.

There was extensive discussion between the Commission and Engineer Marc Massey regarding permits and pipes for driveways and culverts.

Commissioner Black reported to the Commission that he had done some research regarding the severance tax that is received from Rogers Group from the two quarries. Commissioner Black suggested that there be another meeting with Rogers Group to request an increase in funding due to the increase of wear and tear on the roads from the hauling trucks. Commissioner Barksdale reported that the traffic survey was mostly complete, and the survey reported that there was a need for \$15 Million Dollars in road repairs.

Chairman Daly reported to the Commission that on November 15, 2008 it was voted on for the severance tax from Roger's Group be distributed to District 3 and District 2 and any changes regarding the distribution of this tax would need to be looked into. Chairman Daly also explained that a plan has been submitted to the State to spend the American Rescue Plan Act Funds, and the Commission is looking into expending some of those funds on radio assistance for police and fire rescue radio upgrades, broadband, and an addition to the mental health building, as well as other ideas.

At the end of the Chairman's comments, the Chairman allowed Probate Judge Charles Woodroof to address the Commission regarding the previous resolution that was passed regarding an additional polling location in precinct 13. The Judge informed the Commission that the Most Merciful Jesus Catholic Church will not be an additional polling location and the polling location will remain at The Lamb of God Lutheran Church.

After Judge Woodroof's report, the Chairman requested that a moment of silence be taken in remembrance of City of Athens Council Member, Frank Travis.

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Recessed until 10:00 a.m.