

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 16, 2016

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from November 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Stanley Hill, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Mark Yarbrough, Chairman presided.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Jason Black to approve the following resolution to Adopt the Commission Meeting Schedule.

**LIMESTONE COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Adopted November 16, 2016

Regular Commission meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., unless meeting day falls on a legal holiday or for unforeseen circumstances.

Commission meetings are held at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Work Sessions are held at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, on the Wednesday before a scheduled Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting days, times and places may be changed if necessary and prior notification will be given as per Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 11-3-8. All meetings scheduled and held shall be in compliance with the Open Meetings Law (Code of Alabama 1975, 36-25A). Special meetings may be called with proper notice as set out in the law.

Mark Yarbrough, Chairman

Stanley Hill, D-I Commissioner

Jason Black, D-III Commissioner

Steve Turner, D-II Commissioner

Ben Harrison, D-IV Commissioner

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The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Commission Clerk called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Jason Black, aye; Stanley Hill, aye; and Steve Turner, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Turner reported that an increasing number of residents are leaving refrigerators, mattresses and other large household items beside the road. He stated the county litter crews are strictly for small items such as bottles, and the county's garbage collection contractor does not pick up such items. County Attorney Mark Maclin said residents could be cited under the county's litter and debris law if they do not remove large items from the curb.

Commissioner Black said he secured some funding through the Tennessee Valley Authority to construct a new breakwater rock wall at the Cowford Campground boat launch. He expects to start work next week.

Commissioner Harrison asked what the County Commission plans to do about clean up at the former L & S property. He stated he has been asked multiple times during his re-election campaign about cleaning up the site. He suggested he could look into getting inmate labor and using county equipment to scrape the property clean of loose debris. Other commissioners expressed concern about people leaving freight trucks or abandoned vehicles on the site, saying it's an insurance liability to the county. They asked County Attorney Mark Maclin what course of action could be taken to discourage the public from leaving vehicles there. Mark Maclin said he would study signage laws and discuss options with the commission at a later date.

Commissioner Harrison informed the commission that an official from AT&T expressed interest in using the L & S lot for commercial driver training, once a cleanup is accomplished. Mark Maclin said he saw nothing wrong with that.

Items were discussed for the November 21, 2016 agenda.

Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.