

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from September 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Stanley Hill, Steve Turner, and Jason Black. Absent: Ben Harrison. Mark Yarbrough, Chairman presided.

Items were discussed for the October 1, 2018 agenda.

Taylor Vice, Director of Government Affairs with Charter Communications stated the Charter cable franchise agreement will be expiring on December 13, 2018. The proposed renewal is a non-exclusive franchise for 10-years with a 5-year automatic renewal, and a 5% franchise fee of annual gross revenues from the operation of the cable system to provide cable service in the County. Commissioner Black said he wants to know the plan for adding cable service to areas without it. We have a lot of students without access to the internet. He requested a map of the coverage area and why the areas with no coverage cannot be serviced. Mr. Vice said Charter would love to serve everybody, but when we look at areas that we service, it has to make business sense. He spoke of the possibility of a point to point system, explaining the coverage would not be for cable television, but would allow internet accessibility. A public hearing has been scheduled in conjunction with Monday's Commission Meeting to receive comments relative to the proposed action to renew the Charter Franchise Agreement.

Commissioner Hill announced the new bridge on Redus Hollow Road should be opening October 3rd, depending on the weather. Wiregrass, the contractor for the Harvest Road project have informed him the project has been delayed to spring. His district is doing routine maintenance.

Commissioner Turner reported his district repaired a bad spot in the turn lane at Nick Davis and Sanderson Roads. The engineering paving crew is resurfacing a portion of Mooresville Road. His district will be adding about 1 ½' of shoulder material down each side of Newby Road.

Commissioner Black reported that his district has been performing routine maintenance and servicing equipment while raining.

Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.