

## MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from February 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

Jerry Crabtree, President of the Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives Board of Directors, along with Sandy Thompson, Director, and the building committee members proposed to acquire the county's event center. Mr. Crabtree said, "We have heard the event center is a drain on the county's finances." He asked the commission to consider a 20-year lease for the Veterans Museum take over the event center, convert the north half to museum space and use the south half as an event center. He said the museum has \$500,000 that could be used to bring the current event center up to museum standards. They would promote the use of the event center and use the funds towards the operational cost. He also proposed the Commission continue to pay \$3,000 of the monthly utility cost for the first 30 months and continue its annual appropriation. The Commissioners asked several questions and said they would entertain the idea.

Items were discussed for the February 19, 2019 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Sammet requested to add to the agenda a resolution expressing support for an increase in the statewide gas tax that has been put together by the Alabama County Commission Association. To give our approval would show our legislators that we are behind them. Commissioner Harrison said he couldn't support an open-ended resolution. Commissioner Black expressed support for the resolution and said there is an urgent need for funding, if for no other reason, safety.

Commissioner Turner reported his district is replacing a cross drain on Newby Road. He said the utility relocation for the East Limestone widening project has been completed and they are now waiting on Wiregrass Construction to start building the additional area for the road.

Commissioner Black said a check had been received on the Old Highway 20 bridge replacement project from the City of Huntsville in the amount of \$173,000. Although the bridge is not within the city limits of Huntsville, the city wanted to help get the project moving.

Commissioner Harrison reported his district will be repairing base failures on Quinn Road for the next few weeks. He discussed the ongoing plans to move the engineering department to the old L&S property. He requested to add to the agenda to authorize the county engineer to proceed with installing a fence and utilities on the old L&S property, purchasing a heated asphalt tank, and a 40" milling attachment for a skid steer.

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Chairman Daly requested to add to the agenda to take the necessary measures to dispose of the old house located on the old L&S property. He thanked the Veterans for their service and announced the commission has a meeting with the Limestone County Legislative Delegation at 11:00.

Adjourned at 10:42 a.m.