

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 1, 2019

The Limestone County Commission met in a regular meeting today, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

Shawn Coombs, Brian Felder and Rob Wetzler with Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. (ADS) addressed the Commission about the benefits of using polyethylene pipe (black pipe) and offered their expertise. They presented the Commissioners with a High-Density Polyethylene Pipe Fire Risk Evaluation from the State of Florida, State Materials Office, Corrosion Research Laboratory dated July 15, 1994.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Steve Turner to approve the minutes of March 13, 18 & 27, 2019.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to approve the following claims

3/15/19	Check # 52562 – 52636	\$ 548,022.03
3/22/19	Check # 52637 – 52702	\$ 976,815.17
3/29/19	Check # 52703 – 52796	<u>\$1,055,081.03</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,579,918.23

with detailed claims of the above being on file for review upon request to the County Administrator.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Ben Harrison, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Steve Turner, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Steve Turner to approve a resolution requiring all pipe placed by Limestone County personnel in the right-of-way of county-maintained roads to be concrete.

Commissioner Black discussed a policy for Installation of Driveway Turnouts on County right-of-way adopted December 4, 2006. The policy specifies what type of pipes the county can install. He read an excerpt from Section III. Installation of Driveway Turnout by the Limestone County Commission, subsection D. "The Limestone County Commission may install driveway turnout pipe provided by the property owner provided the pipe has been sized and the materials conform to the requirements of Section II. The installation of owner supplied pipe by the County Commission shall be at a cost to be determined by the County Commission." Section II. Pipe Size Determination,

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Materials, subsection B. "Driveway turnout pipe shall be reinforced concrete, galvanized corrugated steel or smooth lined plastic pipe be installed on the County right-of-way. Other materials or types of pipe may be approved by the County Engineer on a case by case basis." We are not saying you cannot have plastic pipe on the right-of-way, we're saying Limestone County will not come out and put it in or cover it. He would like to amend the Resolution to state the installation of driveway turnouts by the County Commission, as adopted in 2006, be concrete. He said I'm not trying to hurt the little man, and I'm not the plastic killer, we just don't need the responsibility of putting in plastic pipe, I'm going by what the 2006 policy already says.

County Engineer Marc Massey said his concern is the additional care that goes with the plastic pipe to make sure it is installed correctly with the proper cover and the correct cover remains on it. He said, "I just don't want the county to be put in a position to where you guys or the guys following you have a point of contention between the property owner and the county where someone supplied a pipe and the county installed it so we're responsible for it. We know we can install the concrete pipe, walk away and have confidence in it." Commissioner Black also discussed an excerpt of Section IV. Installation of Driveway Turnout by the Property Owner, subsection B. that driveway turnout drainage structures greater than 48 inches shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

Commissioner Turner made the statement that he does not hate plastic, that it had been installed in his district in multiple locations for driveways. We're not trying to cut the plastic out, if it fits and the county engineer gives it the go ahead, he doesn't have a problem with it being installed by the homeowner or developer.

Chairman Daly said, "If we install plastic we'll have to charge a different price for every job." He expressed concerns that the varying cost of installation of plastic pipe would present a problem because of the amount of material it would take to cover the pipe. He is not against plastic pipe, and the current policy doesn't ban plastic pipe.

Commissioner Harrison said, "I'm a free market kind of guy. I think we ought to encourage competition. It is amazing to me that when you had the black poly pipe was approved in an area, their prices went down 40%, ours have gone up 20% to 40%. You're looking at a thing that was done in 2006, in a totally different cost environment, totally different competitive environment. You have a solution that if properly installed is a viable, cost effective solution." He said he didn't know why there was a 48-inch size limitation unless it was because the county didn't have the ability to install, but he now can install 5 or 6-foot diameter pipe. He discussed letting a bid for black plastic pipe for driveway turnouts. He referenced the 2006 Policy for installation of Driveway Turnouts on County right-of-way. He read a portion of Section 111.D. "The Limestone County Commission may install driveway turnout pipe provided by the property owner provided the pipe has been sized and the materials conform to the requirements of Section II." "Section II.B. Driveway turnout pipe shall be reinforced concrete, galvanized corrugated steel (which I utterly despise) or smooth line plastic pipe that can be installed by the county."

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After much continued deliberation **MOTION** was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to table resolution.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to award the following bid proposal to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded to	Amount
2686	Gasoline & Diesel April 6 – July 5, 2019 (County Commission)	W. H. Thomas Oil Com.	30¢ Margin over rack

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to employ Rebecca Lynne Shirley as a Corrections Officer, pending drug screening.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Daryl Sammet to rescind approval for Agee Place Subdivision that was approved November 11, 2018 and to approve the following subdivisions:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
White & Webster Sub.	Minor	Preliminary & Final	1	4	Northeast intersection of Quinn Rd & Blackburn Rd
New Center Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	3	3	East side of Spring Rd, Tanner, AL
Gibbs Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	1	South side of Veto Rd
Agee Place Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	3	3	Northeast side of Brownsferry Rd & Reid Rd intersection
Walkers Enchanted Forrest Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	1	1	East side of Christie Drive, Toney, Alabama

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The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Jason Black, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Jason Black to approve January 2019 expense report for Caleb King for prisoner transport, in the amount of \$95.71.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve resurfacing of Lucas Ferry Road from Moyers Road to Sanderfer Road, by contract or county forces, not to exceed \$300,000 and to be reimbursed 50% by City of Athens.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Black stated there is a chance that the county engineering department will be able to do the paving, depending on timing, and we are looking at other options. We need to have approval to start working in that direction to get the work taken care of. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Steve Turner, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Ben Harrison and seconded by Jason Black to approve the County Engineering Department to take application requests for driveway pipe reviews online.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Marc Massey stated, in part of the discussion at the work session, Commissioner Black request to streamline application request to make it as simple and possible for individuals to apply and gives an outlet for after hours. We will also continue to take request by phone. The Administrator called the roll. Ben Harrison, aye; Jason Black, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Steve Turner, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Sammet stated the Harvest Road widening project is at a halt until ready to chip seal. His district is setting up all his secondary roads to be ready for chip seal when the paving crew arrives.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Ben Harrison to suspend the Rules of Order to add an addition to the construction schedule.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Marc Massey stated that he forgot to bring up during the work session, that is why he has asked for a suspension of the rules to add some additional work to the engineering construction schedule. Commissioner Harrison asked if the work would be after the chip seal season. Marc Massey said it is scheduled at the end, but some days are built in the schedule. If we finish the work Commissioner Turner already has planned, with weather permitting and time the project could possibly be moved to an open spot. The Administrator called the roll. Steve

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Turner, aye; Ben Harrison, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Jason Black, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to add to the construction schedule to resurface three cul-de-sacs in Creekwood Subdivision by county forces for \$10,000.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Turner said the only discussion he is going to add is when the paving crew is scheduled to be in District 2, they will be in District 2 for that length of time, whether it's one day or twelve. Commissioner Harrison commented there are weather days built in the schedule and the intent of the schedule is that we do it in an orderly fashion. The Administrator called the roll. Steve Turner, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Turner said, "I just want to reiterate that we have not eliminated the use or the freedom of choice to use the plastic pipe in your ditch. You can use what you want to but who puts it in may be a different choice."

Commissioner Harrison reported that his district is still dealing with flooding issues, addressing concrete pipe where the joints have come out and addressing potholes. Water is the number one enemy of roads and the first thing to address are drainage issues.

Chairman Daly thanked everyone for attending and hopes everyone understands that we are not trying to prevent them from using plastic pipe.

Recessed at 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, Alabama.